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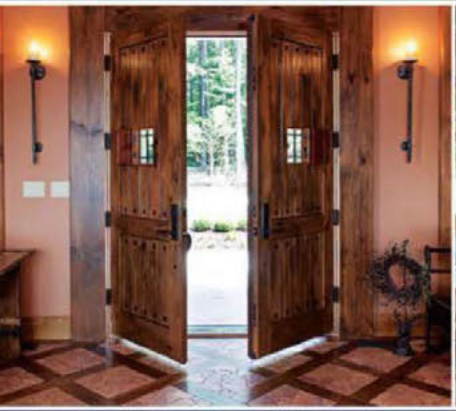

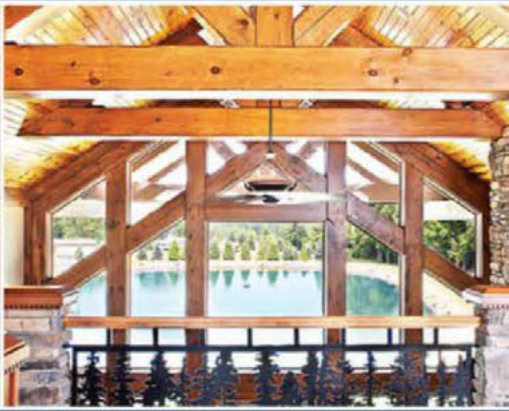

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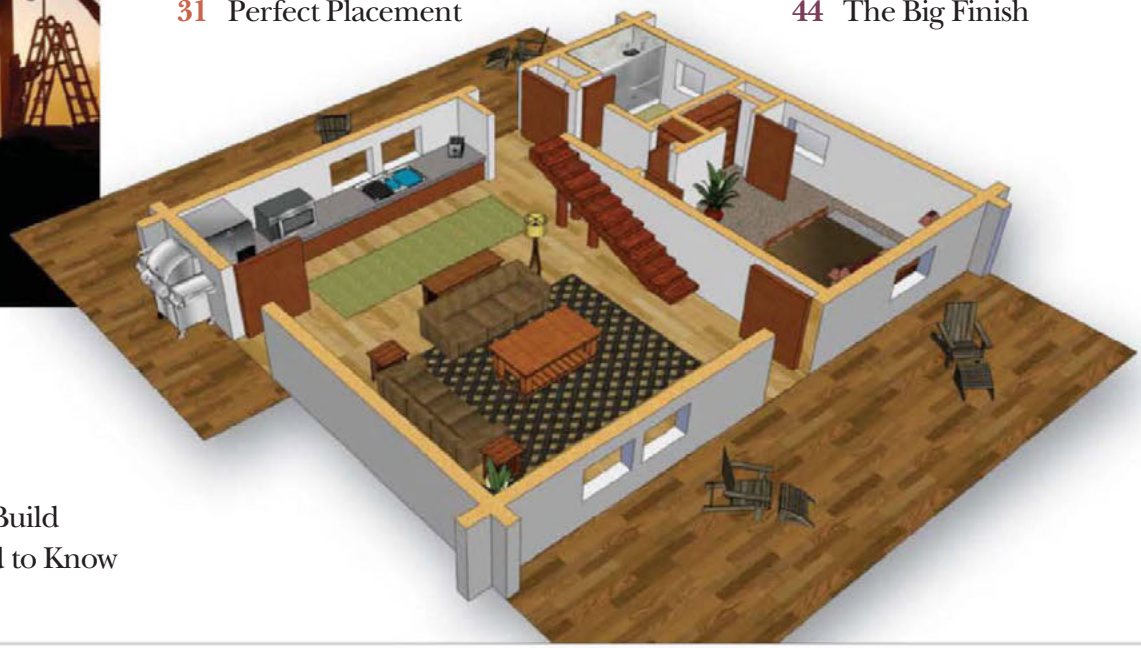

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Homeward Bound

It may sound cliché, but it's true: Building your own custom home really is a journey. And as you stand here getting ready to embark on what's sure to be the trip of a lifetime, it's only natural to feel all at once thrilled with the prospect of building a new home and terrified at the notion of actually doing it. So it's no surprise if you're reading this with big questions ringing in your ears: Where do I start? How do I get from here to the home of my dreams? And what if I get lost along the way?

Unfortunately, I don't have all the answers. But I do know where to find many of them (hint: you're holding it right now). Another secret: You know more than you think. Which leads to the first bit of advice I always give readers who reach out with questions and fears about building a timber home: Take control of the process from the beginning and never concede to someone else's wishes on the details that matter most to you. Trusting your gut and putting together a reliable team to help you take your dream to reality will also help you stay on track while navigating the world of custom-home building.

In this year's **Annual Buyer's Guide**, we've made the task of creating your dream home as straightforward as possible. By dividing the Guide into four distinct sections (**Plan, Design, Build** and **Finish**), we've provided you with the framework for building something wonderful. These special sections begin on page 16.

Naturally, we haven't forgotten that inspiration goes a long way, especially when you're feeling like you'll never get where you're trying to go. One of the best defenses is to check out other dreams that have been fulfilled. Start on page 48, where you'll find the first of three timber masterpieces that marry timeless appeal with modern craftsmanship. All of these homes have accomplished something extraordinary: comfort *and* style, all wrapped into a space that's built to last.

The road from here to your dream home may be a winding one and it might have a few bumps along the way, but it will also take you on an unforgettable adventure. And after months of planning and making decisions large and small, you'll be able to walk through the front door and know that while the journey was an exciting one, the destination is what matters most.

Enjoy the ride!

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Timeless Wonders

Find out what lies beneath the surface of these stunning homes, and what makes them stand apart from the stick-built competition.

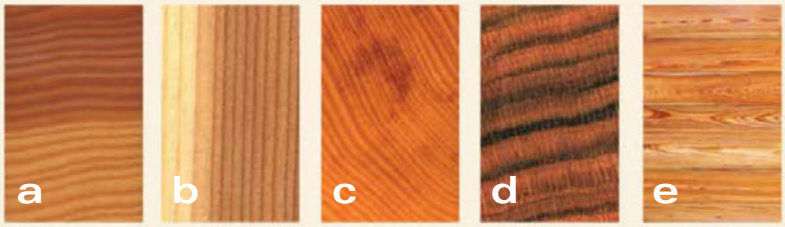
For most timber-frame enthusiasts, building their own custom home is something they've been planning for years, if not an entire lifetime.

"When I design a home for my clients, in most cases, it's fulfilling a lifelong dream for them," says Jeremy Bonin, principal partner and lead architect at Bonin Architects & Associates in New London, New Hampshire. "This is their home that they've been waiting for. And we strive to make it everything they ever wanted it to be."

But what is it about timber framing that makes it such a popular choice amongst these dreamers? Above all, the homes seem to possess a special, unexplainable quality that seems to draw people to them.

"Homeowners relate to timber homes for a variety of reasons — some love the warmth and natural characteristics of the wood, while others are attracted to the history of the timber-frame traditions," adds Bonin. "No matter the reason, the

wood species



Wood species vary in their color and characteristics (for example, knots versus clear-grain) and play a huge part in the way your timber home looks and lives. Ask each timber provider you're considering for more information about the types of wood the company works with. The most commonly used species are oak, pine, fir, hemlock and cedar.

In addition to the species of wood, its moisture content will affect how it performs once the timber frame is assembled. Here are a few of the basic choices:

Green wood. Green timbers are fresh from the forest. They have a high moisture content (30 percent or more), making them easy for timber framers to craft since they're easier to cut through. Green timbers also have the advantage of being the most economical option because they're less expensive than other varieties that require additional handling and preparation.

Green timbers have a lot of drying to do — and all of it will be done after they're crafted into your home. As it dries, green wood will check (crack), particularly when the weather turns cold and you turn on your furnace, thereby accelerating the drying process. Fortunately, this checking won't affect the structural integrity of your home, if it's properly planned and built.

Standing dead timber. Standing dead timbers are trees that were killed by insect infestation, fire or other means, causing them to dry out while still standing in the forest. Before you balk at the thought of building with bug-ridden trees, rest assured that once the tree is dead, the pests, finding themselves without a food source, have moved on. With its low moisture content, this type of wood is more stable and less prone to checking or twisting than green timber. Standing dead timber does cost more than green timber, though, because it's less plentiful and usually harvested selectively.

Air- or kiln-dried. To reduce the amount of movement of the frame as it dries, some timber companies use air- or kiln-dried posts and beams. Large kilns dry the timbers over the course of several weeks, reducing the moisture content to around 18 to 20 percent. Air-dried timbers are left in log yards for several months to reach similar moisture content. Either way, you'll pay more for a dried timber than you would for green wood because of this additional investment in time and resources.

Reclaimed wood. If you're looking for wood with a rich history, consider reclaimed timbers harvested from carefully dismantled, centuries-old factories, barns, bridges and piers. Some companies even have discovered huge old-growth trees no longer found in forests by dredging rivers and lakes near the sites of sawmills of yesteryear. Because these large posts and beams have been around so long, they are extremely hard and stable. But because it's more difficult to obtain and process reclaimed timbers, companies typically charge a premium for this product.

A. DOUGLAS FIR
Heartwood Colors: Orange-brown to deep reddish brown, or sometimes yellowish

B. WESTERN RED CEDAR
Heartwood Colors: Medium to dark coffee brown

C. EASTERN HEMLOCK
Heartwood Colors: Wood buff or pale brown, sometimes with a faint reddish hue

D. RED OAK
Heartwood Colors: Light reddish brown, often with a pinkish tinge

E. EASTERN WHITE PINE
Heartwood Colors: Creamy white to light brown, often with a reddish tinge

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end result is always a beautiful, well-built and durable home that will endure and inspire generations to come. That's something you can always count on."

Dwight Smith, president at Hamill Creek Timber Homes in British Columbia, agrees: "The feel of a timber building is one of warmth, strength and security that I feel cannot be duplicated in a conventional, stick-built house."

In addition to the warmth and security of the wood, timber homes offer qualities of tradition, energy efficiency and endless design options, just to name a few.

THE PRESENT PAST

A symbol of history and strength, timber framing techniques date back to Neolithic times, and since then have been used in many areas of the world. They have also been used to construct buildings and homes during different time periods in history.

For example, while ancient civilizations like Egypt and Rome used mostly stone to build, they also used timber-framing methods for many of their roof systems. Today, you can still visit 12th and 13th century European churches to see some of the world's oldest examples of timber framing. In the United States, English settlers in Virginia used the land's natural abundance of timber to raise a variety of buildings within the walls of Jamestown in the early 1600s.

Another historical element of timber framing: The ever-increasing popularity of vintage building materials. In fact, many companies now specialize in using recycled wood in their homes in the form of beams, flooring, cabinetry, exterior siding — you name it. Renovating a building, like a barn, for use as a home is an option, as is using wood salvaged from vintage buildings to bring character to a new home. The use of older materials creates a win-win situation: The homeowner enjoys a unique look, and the materials are kept out of landfills.

Not just for the residential market, timber framing has made its mark on some of the country's most striking commercial structures. To view a gallery of some of our favorite framed hotels, schools, pavilions and more, log on to timberhomeliving.com.

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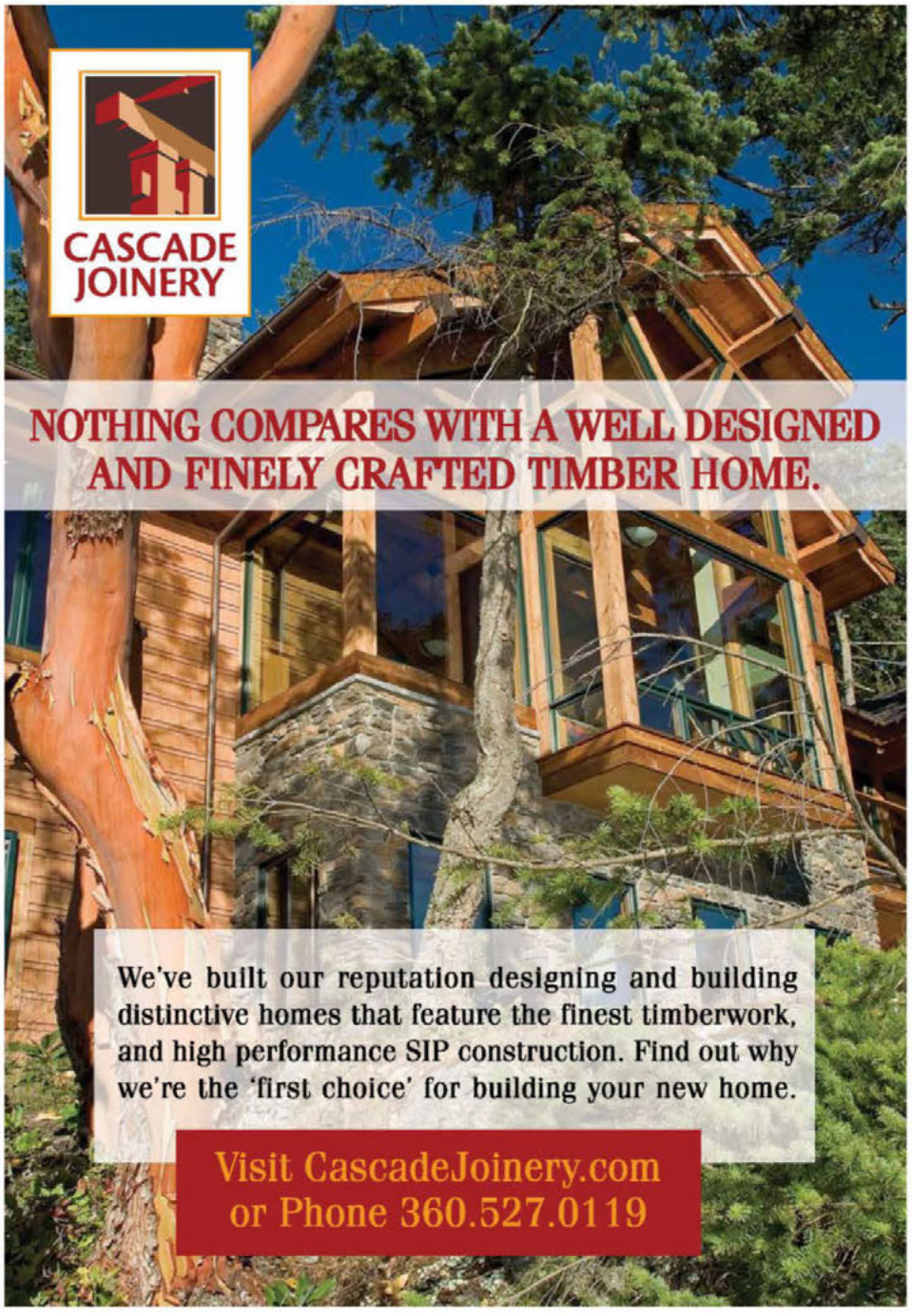

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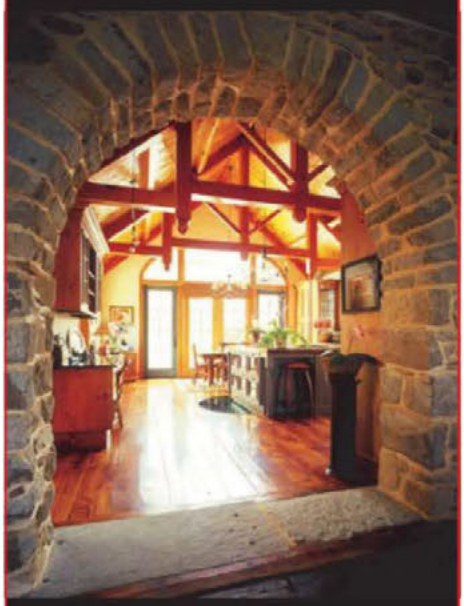

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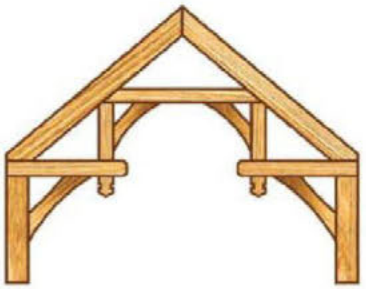
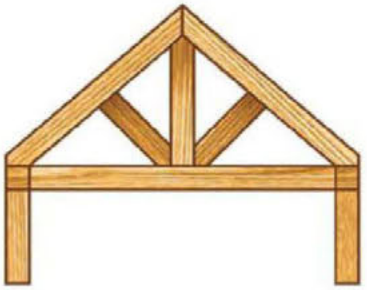
let's talk TRUSSES

The kind of structural support your design requires, as well as personal preference, will determine your home's truss system. A triangle is the simplest form of truss, but its use is limited to small buildings. Adding a king post in the center allows for a wider span. Queen-post trusses, in contrast, look like a rectangle within a triangle. The dramatic hammerbeam truss is used to span large interior spaces and enables ceilings to soar.



HAMMERBEAM

- Achieves the cathedral quality
- Creates vaulted spaces
- Can be enhanced with embellishments



KING POST WITH STRUTS

- The most cost-effective type of truss system
- Offers a strong, sturdy appearance
- Creates a cozy, intimate feeling

QUEEN POST (MODIFIED)

- Can span distances of 30 feet or more
- Offers an open area in the center of the truss
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EFFICIENCY EXPERTS

In addition to making good use of recycled materials, today's timber homes have taken the lead in energy efficiency. "When I meet with new clients, I typically describe a timber frame as the visible skeleton of a building. I ask them to visualize a 12-foot-long wall; with conventional construction that wall has ten 2-by-6 studs, each acting as a small post. The insulation is then incorporated between each of the structural members, allowing for thermal bridging at each stud and lowering the cumulative R-value of the wall," explains Bonin. "In a timber home, on the other hand, large SIPs (structural insulated panels) are applied to the exterior of the frame, almost eliminating thermal bridging and providing a more airtight structure."

Because timber structures are wrapped from the exterior with super insulated walls and roof panels, you not only get to enjoy the beauty of the structure inside the home, but you can achieve some of the best energy efficient-rated walls in the building industry. Timber homes also can realize as much as 35 percent in energy savings with the super insulated enclosures used compared to standard stick-built construction.

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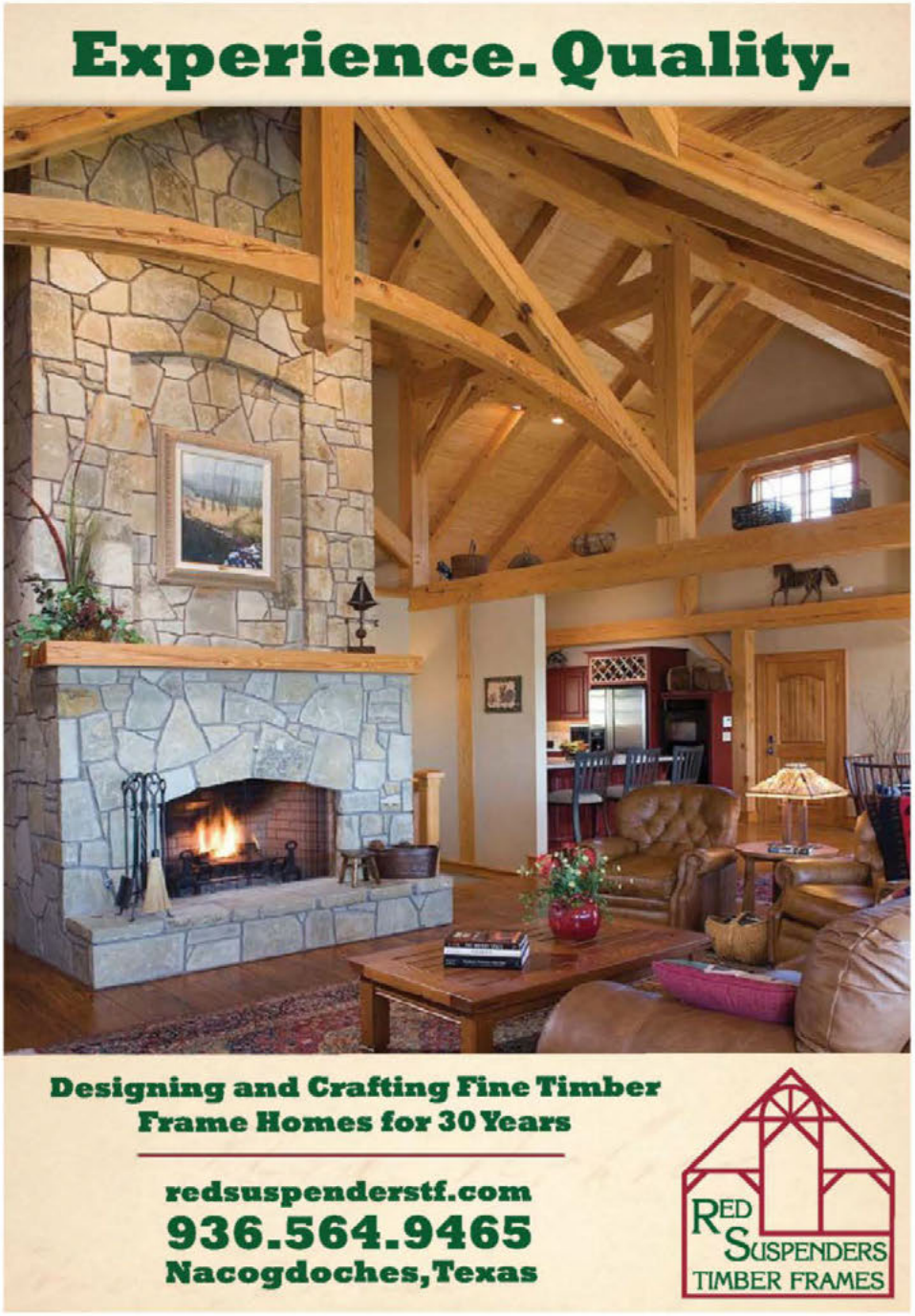


ALL ABOUT DESIGN

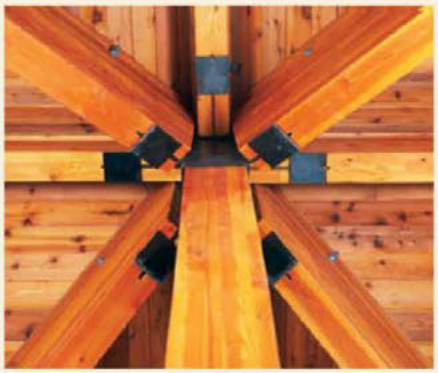
The beauty of the timber beams and the endless amount of awe-inspiring design options and advantages is what typically turns potential homeowners curious about the style into full-blown timber-home devotees.

- ***Adaptability.*** When most people envision a timber home, they think of large expanses of wood and sprawling, barn-style ceilings. But to many people's surprise, timber homes can be built to suit any look or lifestyle. From modern to rustic, cozy to elegant, the options truly are endless.

- ***Size Options.*** Timber framing gives you the opportunity to have as open or as intimate of an interior volume as your design suggests. In the case of more scaled-down designs, the beauty of the frame will draw eyes upward, making a more humble home feel larger. On the other hand, in open designs, the frame connects the volumes and brings them down to a more human scale due to the warmth of the wood and the joinery.

- ***Open Layouts.*** One of the most sought-after design attributes in modern homes, a wide-open floor plan goes hand-in-hand with the timber-frame style. Because of the

Post-and-Beam



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Timber Framing

RIGHT: Heidi Long photo; TOP: Lindal Cedar Homes of Seattle photo

You'll often hear timber homes referred to as either post-and-beam or timber frame. The difference has to do chiefly with the method used to fasten the frame's complex joinery system together. A post-and-beam home employs metal fasteners, which are either hidden behind the timbers or face the interior. A timber frame uses only wooden pegs to secure the frame's joinery. Whether you choose post-and-beam or timber frame, each style, and variations within each category, will determine the look and feel of your home's interior.

way the frame is constructed, the home's outer shell rests comfortably on the home's frame, lending itself to an open-concept design that's casual and informal, while still visually impressive. Plus, less-structured layouts mean you'll be able to modify your home's interior living spaces as your lifestyle and needs change over time.

- ***Style Selection.*** Even if everyone lived in a timber home, the homes could all look different. Timber framing can suit a wide variety of styles; it reminds some people of a church or a bar, but a timber home can take on a casual or rustic mountain style, an ornate Victorian style, the more restrained feel of a classic New England home, or any style in between.

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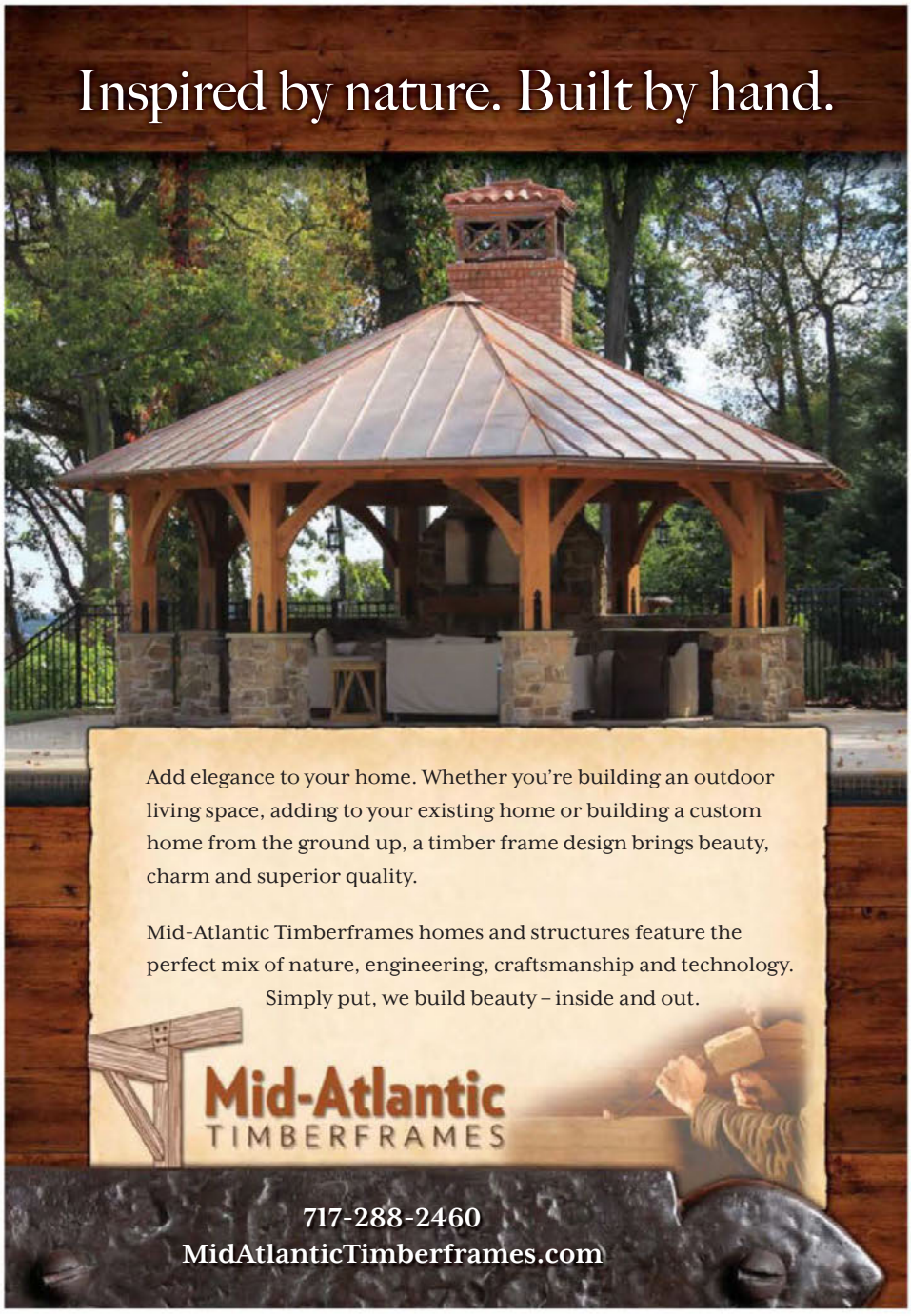

plan

If you're like most of us, you've been plotting the perfect design and imagining the majesty and fresh, earthy aroma of a timber home for years. But there's another fragrance in the air — the sweet smell of success. Why? Because by reading the *Timber Home Living* Annual Buyer's Guide, it's obvious you're ready to create the home of your dreams. First stop: Planning. From landing on that perfect piece of property to knowing how to hire the right team to make your building journey as smooth as possible, this section covers it.

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5 Key Questions to Get You Started

1 *Where will I build?*

This is the very first, most important question you need to address, because it can affect all your other choices. And once you know the answer to this question, your timber-producer options will narrow significantly, since most prefer to build relatively close to their shops. Also, shipping costs can add up when distance is involved.

It's smart to buy your land and evaluate its contour before you begin designing your home. Knowing what your property's characteristics are will help you make decisions, such as where and how to install your driveway, septic system, plumbing and foundation.

2 *How do I know what style home I want?*

By reading timber home books and magazines. Compile an online folder or notebook of ideas, including clippings, that demonstrate the layouts, styles, color combinations, furnishings, appliances and finishes that appeal to you. Gather catalogs and plans books from timber producers. (Most even have online versions of these for you to download to your home computer or tablet.) Check out home-design websites including MyWoodHome.com and TimberHomeLiving.com for information about timber home techniques. Visit open houses and attend home shows, and talk to homeowners and representatives of the timber companies you're considering.

3 *How will I choose a timber company?*

Since each timber-home producer offers a variety of plans, services and wood species, know the options before you settle on one company. Begin by calling the producers in the region where you're planning to build. Review their literature. Call their client references in your area. Visit their websites for photos of their homes. Look for a company that you feel is trustworthy and can produce a quality home within your budget.

4 *What kind of floor plan do I need?*

Decide what features are important to your family's present and future needs. Are there rooms in your current house that are essential, like a first-floor master bedroom or an office? Do you no longer need four bedrooms? Consider a floor plan that supports your family's activities and will help your home remain functional and enjoyable through the years.

5 *How much can I afford?*

If you don't have a solid budget in place, you won't be able to evaluate designs or compare timber companies and contractors. A budget for the actual structure, in addition to other expenses, such as land and well systems, allows you to set priorities and direct your energies toward a realistic plan.

Decide which amenities you need now and, if money's an issue, which items you can postpone until you can afford them. Then figure out how much you can mortgage, what the taxes are and what types of insurance you'll have to carry.

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Picking Your Property

If you don't already own your land, there are some fundamental considerations you'll want to think about before making your final decision. Remember: The land you choose to build on can have a tremendous impact on the building process and the costs, so good planning at this stage is an important pre-construction activity.

LOCATION FIRST

The location of your home will affect everything, from the cost of the land to the homeowners insurance to the eventual resale value of your home. Once you've narrowed down your search to a few potential sites, think about these things before signing on the dotted line.

- **You need to know the lay of the land to plan your home right.** A site map will explain the traits, benefits and challenges of your proposed building site. If the land is undeveloped, you may also need a topographical survey. Your township or county zoning office can supply you with information about easements, utilities and environmental considerations. The natural features of the landscape, along with the location of utilities, should be indicated on the site map.
- **A remote location sounds ideal, but think carefully about the distance to amenities.** Things like distance to work, school, stores and healthcare are important to consider before making a decision on a property. Also, homes that are too far from a fire department will pay more for fire insurance — a common complaint from homeowners who have built an expensive home far from adequate fire protection.
- **The property should pass a "perc test."** A perc test indicates the soil's capability to absorb liquid over a specific period of time and determines the size and type of septic system you'll need. If it doesn't pass, you may not be able to build on it, or a more expensive system to handle waste treatment will have to be installed. You'll also need a source of potable (drinkable) water. In rural areas, this typically means drilling a well. If you're building closer to developed areas and are lucky enough to tap into public utilities, you can bypass these steps.

BUYING LAND

Comparing the cost of land can be difficult because of many intangible considerations. Land that is inexpensive up front may require additional money to make it livable. For example, if a parcel of land fails to percolate properly and has no city or public water supply, building a waste treatment system and digging a well can quickly add several thousand dollars to the price.

Under some circumstances, building on a piece of land that is too large or too expensive can be difficult to finance. Most residential mortgage brokers will not finance the purchase of raw land, and they may not finance a home when the value of the land is more than 33 percent of the total value of the project. Other financing sources will not work with land of more than one acre, so be sure to coordinate with your financing source the size and cost of the property on which you are planning to build.

When your land is valued too highly, one solution you might try is to survey a piece of property to help with the financing of the home-building project. Doing so is a very simple process and does not affect your ownership or use of any of the property. This is an option that may even be advantageous if you ever want to sell the home but keep the bulk of the land.

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IS THE PRICE RIGHT?

While it's impossible to generalize costs nationwide, timber homes are comparable in cost to other forms of custom construction. Put another way, custom construction is 15 to 20 percent more expensive than your local production or tract homebuilder who offers few upgrades and no design changes.

Timber company reps say that finished homes can cost as low as $130 per square foot for modest amenities to $400 or more per square foot for more luxurious appointments.

Hybrid designs, which merge timber and conventional stick-framing construction, can save buyers roughly 5 to 10 percent over a home that uses a full post-and-beam frame throughout.

Choosing Your Timber Home Team

Before you start picking the professionals for your design and build team, begin by gathering information about homes and photographs of the types of styles you like. Your home should reflect your personal preferences and requirements.

Talk to professionals who know the timber-framing process and can help you understand the value and costs of this building system. Timber companies have resources to answer your questions. Local architects, designers and construction contractors are also good sources of information.

TIMBER PROVIDER

Perhaps the most important decision you make will be the choice of a company to manufacture your timber frame. To ensure you're picking the company that best suits your needs, take the time to do your research, collecting literature from timber companies by attending their home-building seminars or workshops, or by scheduling a visit to their building sites, open houses or model homes. Many companies also exhibit at the log and timber home shows held around the country every spring and fall.

At this point, you may discover that different timber companies provide a wide variety of products and services. To avoid becoming confused, keep in mind that you'll need three primary services. First, the entire home must be designed. Then a timber frame must be fabricated and raised. Finally, the pieces of the home must be pulled together and built, probably by a general contractor.

Some timber companies offer complete design and general contracting services. Some offer design and fabrication services only. Some just design and erect the timber frame itself but do not handle overall construction services. Decide if you want to assemble and manage your own team or whether you would prefer to hire a contractor to take on these tasks.

DESIGNER/ARCHITECT

If you choose to work with a designer/architect who is not a part of your timber company or if the timber company does not offer design services, make sure that the designer understands timber frame systems, how they work and how to design them. It is best to have this person work directly with your timber company early on in the design process to avoid any duplication of services and to ensure

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When considering candidates to design your home, you should be able to see several examples of the professional's work, if not in person at least in pictures. Request a list of references and call these previous clients. You can learn a lot by asking a few simple questions: Did the designer deliver on time and within budget? Was the person responsive to the client's needs?

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

The general contractor is responsible for the actual construction of your home. This person takes the house from foundation to finish. It is important to note that one company's services can vary from the next; however, most general contractors coordinate all the labor and materials. It is their job to deliver your house on time and within budget.

During the construction process, the contractor will manage your job site, supervise all the workers installing plumbing, roofing and electrical services, and much more. These workers may be on the general contractor's staff, or they may be hired as subcontractors.

Your general contractor should be detail-oriented since this person will coordinate all payments, maintain records, develop and implement a construction schedule, and officiate bids to make sure they include all proposed work. The general contractor's experience can be of great value during the design phase of your project.

While experience with timber homes is helpful, it is not absolutely necessary. What is important is that the designer and the timber company be able to communicate to the contractor the construction details unique to timber framing.

What should I know about financing a timber home?

As you begin the process of financing your timber home, you will find that there are quite a few differences compared to financing a conventional house. From determining your budget to finding a lender and taking out construction and mortgage loans, we cover everything you need to know in our ONLINE FINANCING GUIDE. Log on to timberhomeliving.com to download the guide today!

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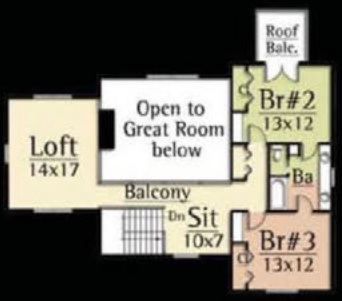

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9 Questions to Ask Timber Companies

Before you sign on the dotted line, you'll need to make sure you've got all the facts straight. These 9 questions are essential to ask before deciding on a timber company.

1 Do you provide free preliminary estimates? Precise cost figures may require blueprints, which carry a fee.

2 When will I receive a price quote? Every home and site is unique, and price quotes need to reflect the cost of exactly what's needed to build the home. The quotations you received should contain specific information on the payment schedule, delivery cost, service policies, warranties and any special charges in designing and building your home. Price quotes also should include a complete bill of materials, including grade specifications.

3 Will you need a deposit? Before working on blueprints or providing firm price information, many companies require a deposit. Be sure you understand what you're getting for your deposit, and find out about refund policies should you decide not to proceed.

4 Do you offer a warranty? Is it written in easily understandable language?

5 What other services (like designing and planning) do you provide? Be sure you understand the company's procedures and policies.

6 Can you meet my deadline? Discuss the fabrication schedule with your producer to be certain it's achievable. Be aware that your producer's method of fabrication can affect the time needed to prepare timbers and the resulting delivery time.

7 Can you provide proof of insurance? Make sure each builder and subcontractor on your job site can provide proof of insurance for themselves and their staff. If they don't have insurance and they get hurt on your job site, you could end up paying for their lost time and wages — even if you didn't hire them directly.

8 Will you provide all the home's engineering and design criteria to building-code officials and the other professionals who will work on my home? Many producers also provide onsite technical assistance.

9 Do you offer hybrid design or decorative (non-structural) timber accents? Many timber companies now offer these options to give buyers the timber look they desire at a lower cost.

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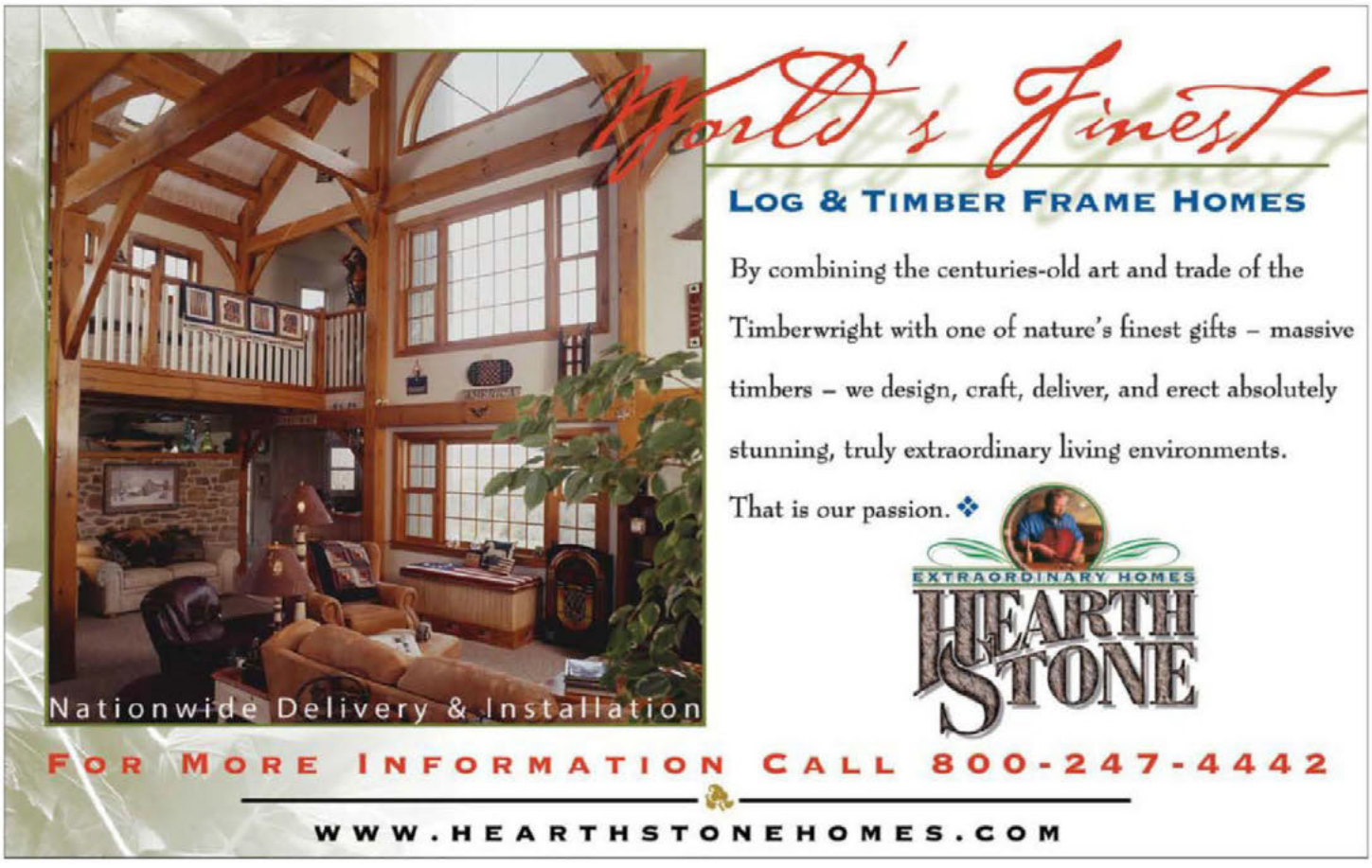

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design

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The design phase is the time where your daydreams start to take shape. Literally. Some of you will pluck a plan out of a catalog and that will be it. Others will pick out two plans and merge them together. And then there will be the people who pull out the rumpled napkin drawing, hand it to their architect and say, "Here."

There's a whole process to get from visionary to homeowner with blueprints in hand. It entails asking lots of questions, researching ideas and choosing the ones that make sense for your lifestyle. We'll guide you through it all in this section, so belly up to the drawing board with pencil poised and a glass of creative juices at the ready.

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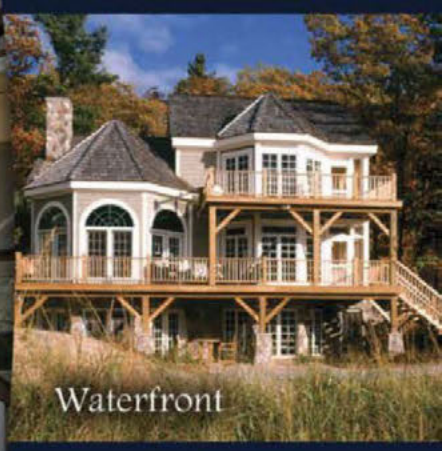

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10 Steps to a Fool-Proof Plan

1 ***Visualize your home.*** Imagine yourself living in each room of your home. How will it look and feel? What will you see in front, behind, above and below? What sounds will you hear?

2 ***Show, don't tell.*** Give your designer and builder a notebook of clippings (or scans burned to a CD) of homes and features that speak to you so they'll have an idea of what you want your home to look like and an indication of the quality you expect.

3 ***Chart your lifestyle.*** Consider your family makeup (adults only, adults and kids, aging parents), how you live (formal or casual, hectic or relaxed) and whether you like to entertain or have special hobbies. For example, a casual couple won't need a formal entryway or dining room, whereas high-octane families should consider cozy, peaceful spaces to regroup.

4 ***Size things up.*** Bigger isn't always better. It does cost more, though. Before you waste space, make sure the number, type and size of rooms reflect what will take place in them. Think of your rooms in terms of activities: Instead of "kitchen" and "living room," think "cooking" and "family time." Some experts recommend downsizing square footage by as much as 30 percent and putting the money saved into higher quality materials.

5 ***Let your land guide you.*** Note the advantages and challenges of your building site, including geography, topography, vegetation, climate, sun and wind exposure, views and sounds. Then determine how these factors will affect each room. Also, consider how your home impacts the beauty of the site so you'll leave the land's best attributes untouched.

6 ***Map out a plan.*** Identify access points for vehicles and pedestrians, then within those boundaries, determine the shape of the house and direction it will face. Use your list of activities to position rooms. Start by breaking down your list into private and

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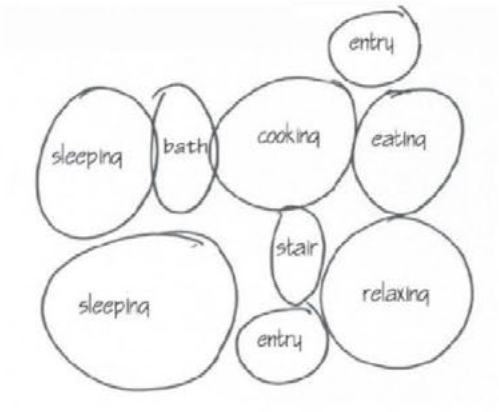

communal activities and identifying where each one should take place. Then use bubbles to represent rooms and group them according to where you prefer they be positioned. Finally, square off the bubbles to create a rough floor plan, adding enough space for walls.

7 ***Account for extras.*** Architectural components are integral to your home, but they can hog space (and cost money, so don't forget to figure them into your budget). Some popular elements: window seats, large windows, massive trusses, dormers and hipped or gabled roofs.

8 ***Compromise.*** If you can't afford everything you want, make cuts that work for your lifestyle, whether it's shaving off square footage, minimizing special features or reducing quality. (Be careful with lower-quality items; some things you shouldn't skimp on, like windows and doors.)

9 ***Customize a stock plan.*** Instead of starting from scratch, look at your timber company's standard plans for ones you can tweak to fit your lifestyle and home site.

10 ***Talk it out.*** Professional advice is crucial throughout the entire home-building process, but this is your home, so make sure you discuss every suggestion thoroughly. And don't be afraid to get a second opinion if you have concerns. Also, you want to work with someone who's as excited about your project as you are.

For 10 more tips to help polish off your plan, log on to timberhomeliving.com.

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Q&A

Q My wife and I plan to build a timber frame as our retirement home, and we are currently looking into our design options. Several of the timber companies we have looked into have in-house design teams, but we are also considering hiring a private architect. What are the merits of one over the other?

A Because timber framing offers unique design possibilities that traditional stick-framed construction cannot, and because it requires a certain understanding of the structural complexities inherent in its design, it's always best to go with an architect or designer who has experience working with timber homes. Although the process can sometimes be more streamlined if you go with an in-house designer, most companies are happy to work with an outside designer who has a thorough understanding of timber construction.

"We design log and timber homes all across the country and work with many manufacturers and builders," says Derek Hurd, founding principal designer with Gravitas, an independent design firm that specializes in log and timber homes. "We find it beneficial to gather all the pertinent information and work through some design ideas prior to selecting a timber company. If you as the customer are armed with a design that is thought out, you can get the most for your timber budget."

However, depending on what your timber company may offer, there are often benefits to working with an integrated design team. For example, many timber companies have in-house designers or architects. If they have plans available, the cost to revise them is usually less expensive than starting from scratch. Talk with the design teams at the different timber companies you're considering and see if their offerings meet your needs. If you do decide to go with an outside designer, check upfront to make sure your timber company is willing to work with them so you don't run into any unwelcome roadblocks.

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Designing a Dream: Custom v. Stock

In the world of custom home design, building with a stock plan exactly as purchased hardly ever happens. And while it's no secret that a stock plan will cost less up front, a well thought-out custom design may be cheaper in the long run, says Ty Allen, who heads the East Coast design group for New Energy Works Timberframers, a custom timber company. Buyers who opt for custom homes may be able to get what they need with less square footage, which is usually the most important factor in determining total building costs, he adds. Also, the house can be tailored exactly to the site. Designers can take into account the views, the slope of the lot, wind, solar orientation and other factors that a stock plan by definition can't address.

If you're hesitant about designing from scratch, or simply don't need the high level of customization in your home's layout, there's always the option of working off a stock plan. Many companies offer timber-frame packages based on a variety of stock plans, as well as custom design services. Many buyers choose to go stock and then pay only for changes they really find necessary.

The easiest way to purchase a stock plan is to buy one from a plan book or a timber home producer without making any changes to it. Most timber home producers carry a large selection of stock plans from which to choose. Hundreds of plans sortable by square footage are also available at timberhomeliving.com/floorplans.

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Perfect Placement

Comfort and safety are the primary reasons for building any home, so where you position it on your land should offer protection from the elements. Once you determined this you can devise a strategy to take advantage of Mother Nature's positive side and shield yourself from her negative elements. First off, you want to know what you're working with so you can pick a spot.

- *Spend some time with your land.* Walk on it, sit and listen; get to know the names of the plants, animals and minerals that comprise your slice of the Earth.
- *Show up at different times of the day (and year, if you can)* to mark the rising and setting of the sun, turning of the seasons and weather patterns.
- *Ask neighbors how they prepare for the changing seasons,* what they find most memorable about the weather, the available daylight and the natural events that occasionally occur.
- *Learn about the geology of the place,* the name and extent of your watershed, and the quality of the air.

Once you establish a basic construction area, you can get down to the specifics. The first things to consider:

ACCESS POINTS: Establish the best approaches for both vehicles and pedestrians. (The placement of driveways, walkways and porches will help define your home site.)

FOOTPRINT AND ORIENTATION: Within the access-point boundaries, figure out the basic shape of the house and the direction it will face. This is the time to consider the benefits of passive solar design. (Orient the longer axis of your home east/west so the longer dimension faces sunny south.)

ROOM PLACEMENT: Your frequently used rooms go on the side of the home facing south. Rooms that require little heat and light (utility rooms and garages) should go on the cooler north side. Also, consider what rooms should have a view and how they'll flow into one another based on how your family lives.

Also, your house is an extension of nature, so make it reflect its terrain (for instance, express the ridgeline of a mountain in your roof peaks). Paying attention to the natural surroundings will make it seem like your home grew right out of the ground.

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build

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The construction process is where you'll see your dreams start to become a reality, all with the help of your hand-picked team. Because these individuals have such a dramatic impact on your finished product, they can determine the quality and cost of materials, and how quickly you and your family are under roof. With that said, remember that you're in control from the start. If you're just as conscientious about choosing a builder as you were about drafting a floor plan, everything will come together to give you the home you've always wanted.

OakBridge Timer Framing photo

8 Steps to a Smooth Build

Construction is the most critical phase of the custom-home buying process, but there's no reason it should be difficult or stressful. Knowing how the process unfolds and following these eight steps will allow you to preview the work ahead and know who's responsible for making sure everything goes according to plan.

1 ***Create a workable schedule.*** Like any type of custom construction, building a timber home isn't a speedy process. Set aside six to seven months to refine your home's design, which will be when you create your floor plans and working drawings. After that, allocate another two months for the timber (whether it's structural or decorative) to be cut and delivered to your building site. Raising and enclosing the frame takes approximately one week. Finishing the interior can take anywhere from two to nine months or more.

2 ***Finalize building permits and details.*** While your timber producer prepares the wood for delivery, your general contractor (GC) should be using that time to obtain and pay for varying clearances (including the all-important building permit) so that construction can begin on schedule. He or she should talk to the local building authority and your lender to determine when each will require inspection of his or her work. To keep things on schedule, he or she should contact the local power company to arrange for temporary electrical service at the site. If you're building in a rural area, he or she also may need to schedule a crew to install the well and septic systems.

3 ***Prepare the site.*** Several weeks before the arrival of your home components, a surveyor will come to your property, mark the boundaries of the house, and indicate where the footings and foundation should be. An excavator will clear the site of trees and brush, and put in a rough road so that the contractor's equipment and deliveries can reach the building site without delay. With a temporary road in place, the subcontractors hired to dig the well and set up the septic system can start to drill for water, lay out a drainage field and bury the septic tank in the ground. Once complete, the site is ready for construction to begin.

4 ***Build the foundation.*** Before the timber is delivered to your site, the foundation will need to be completed. The footings will be set first, then checked and approved by the local building inspector before the foundation walls or piers are erected. Footings are crucial because they enable the weight of the house to be distributed to the ground over a larger area. In addition, they serve as a level surface on which to set the foundation walls. Your timber-home company will supply the general contractor with specifications for the type of foundation your house needs. There are several types of foundations: poured concrete, concrete block, pre-cast wall, concrete slab and pier. The type that's chosen for your home is governed by several factors, including the site's characteristics, the type of soil, the local climate, the design of the house and your budget.

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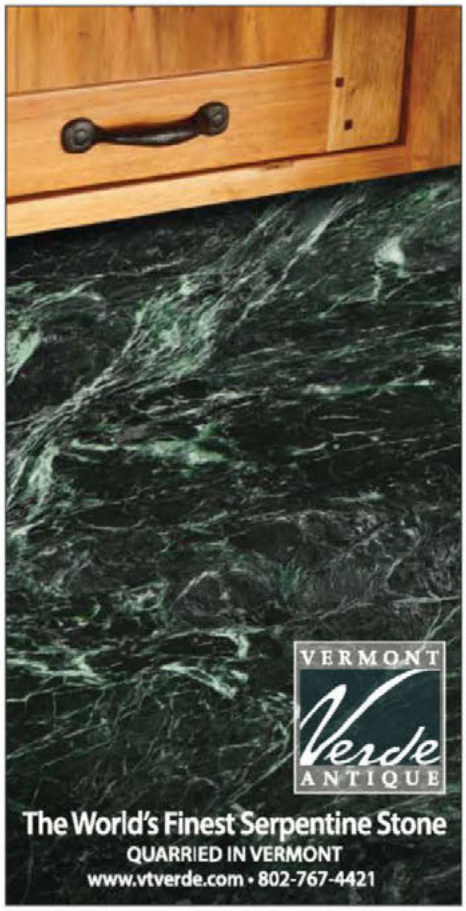

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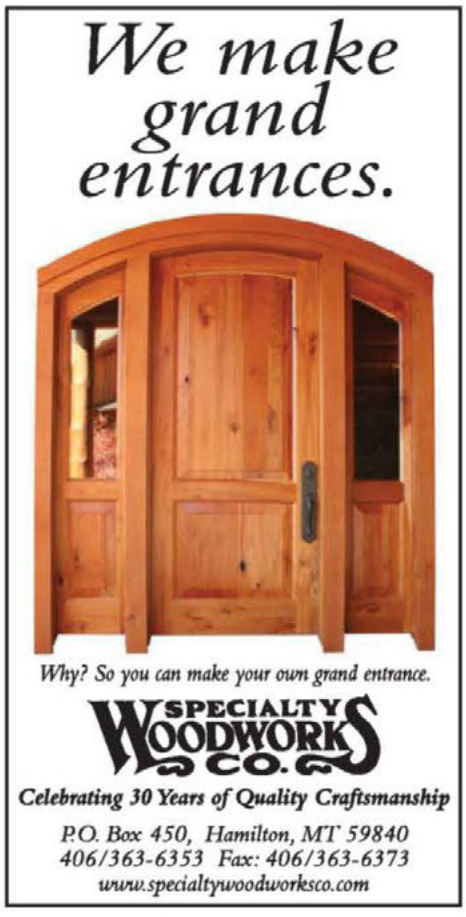

5 ***Unload and inventory the timbers, and raise the frame.*** At this time, the timber package will be delivered to the site, and the framing crew will unload it from the delivery truck either by crane, forklift or hand. The crew will then inventory and organize the timbers by function — posts, beams, braces and the like — to expedite construction. The crew will then raise the frame (bent by bent or section by section) depending on its overall design. Timber homes tend to go up quickly, so there's a measure of instant gratification at this stage in the process.

6 ***Enclose the exterior.*** In the weeks following the raising, the materials that will form the exterior walls and roof will be attached to the frame. Installing structural insulated panels (SIPs) is the most frequently used method to enclose a timber home. (See page 38 for more on this construction material and its benefits.) SIPs also are sometimes used as the base for a timber home's roof. They're usually nailed directly onto roof timbers. If not, decking is nailed to the timbers first as a base for layers of rigid foam insulation. The roofing will then be covered with any type of finishing material and work on the exterior will continue with the installation of windows and doors, and painting of the siding and trim. Around the same time, the crew will build the garage and any porches and decks the design calls for, and a mason will construct the fireplace.

7 ***Round out interior spaces.*** Once the home is fully enclosed and protected against the elements, the GC will focus on the interior. The basic

After your frame is raised, workers attach the structural insulated panels (SIPs) to the frame in precisely planned sections. Not only do these panels enclose the home, they insulate it as well. Window and door openings are pre-cut for efficiency on the job site.

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Once the home is enclosed, the basic systems of the house will be put into place, including plumbing, HVAC and electrical wiring. They will then be concealed within the interior walls.

systems of the house will be put into place in this order: plumbing; heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC); and electrical wiring. These systems, installed by subcontractors, are concealed within interior walls, which are constructed with conventional wood-stud or steel framing. Once you obtain the inspector's seal of approval, the interior walls will be enclosed. Next, the flooring (anything from hardwood to tile) will be laid. Then it's time to bring in the kitchen appliances and bath fixtures, and install the cabinets and countertops. Once those are in, the plumbing, HVAC and electrical subcontractors will return to hook up everything. The electrician will hang light fixtures and install receptacles throughout the house. The plumber will set tubs, toilets and install sinks. He or she will also connect plumbing fixtures to the main incoming and wastewater lines. Heat registers and thermostats will be hooked up, and trim carpenters will affix the doors, window treatments and hardware.

8 ***Apply the finishing touches.*** Toward the end of construction, the driveway will be poured. The excavator will return to give the site a final grading, which ensures proper drainage of rainwater away from the foundation. (This step is done late in the construction process to give the foundation's backfill time to settle.) The roofing contractor will install gutters and downspouts. And, finally, the landscaper will seed the yard and plant shrubbery.

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SIPS: What You Need to Know

SIPs (structural insulated panels) are the most popular way to enclose a timber home. Although individual products from manufacturers vary, today's SIPs all have a solid core of insulation sandwiched between two layers of oriented strand board (OSB). Other materials used in SIPs include plywood, wafer board, sheet metal and gypsum board. The white core often is polystyrene, extruded polystyrene, Styrofoam or polyurethane — the same durable yet lightweight foams used in bicycle and motorcycle helmets and egg cartons.

SIPs are available in a variety of thicknesses and sizes, ranging from 2 to 12 inches thick and in sizes from the standard 4-by-8 to 8-by-24 feet. Panels generally weigh less than 4 pounds per square foot, making them light enough to install by hand. A crane often is used for larger roof panels or for lifting bundles of panels on the job site and depending on the size of the home, it can be enclosed within days or even hours.

Other benefits include:

- ***They're flexible.*** SIPs can arrive at the home site in bundles of large generic panels that builders cut to fit the home's specific floor plan. Or panels can be cut exactly to the home's design at the factory by the manufacturer and then numbered for easy installation, which results in less wasted materials and resources.
- ***They're energy efficient.*** SIPs cut heating and cooling costs by as much as 60 percent over products used for conventional "stick" construction. Even where wall thickness is the same, SIPs outperform stick framing on whole-wall energy performance by 40 to 60 percent.
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Whoever builds the home, the best qualifications are that the person provide reliable, qualified subcontractors and that you feel capable communicating your needs. If you use a builder other than your framer, start by asking the framer for referrals. Always check out the references, and make sure the builder has all the licenses and appropriate insurance required by state and local laws.

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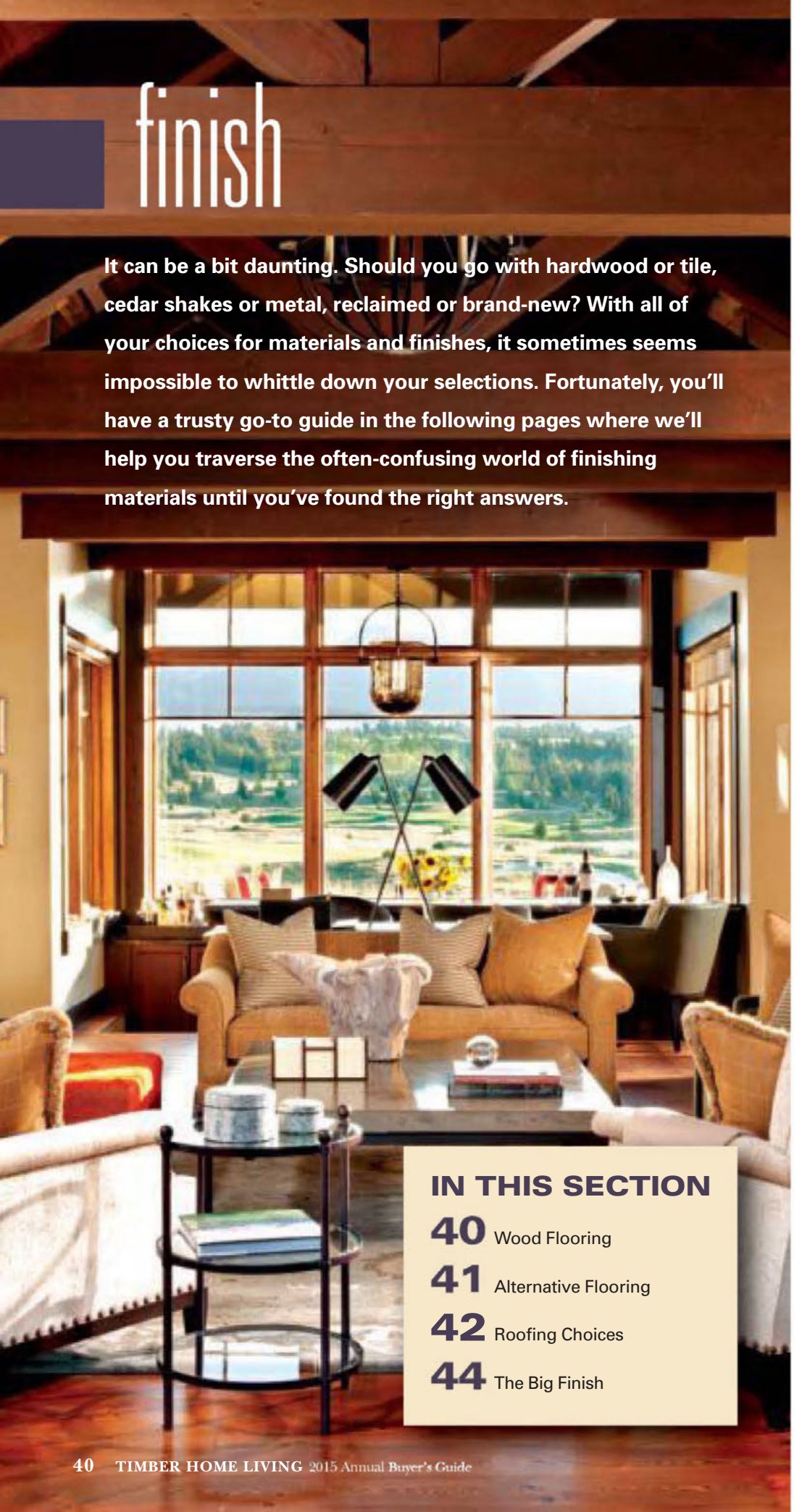

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WOOD FLOORING

Available in unfinished, pre-finished and engineered options, wood flooring is a natural fit for timber homes.

BAMBOO

Tall Chinese grass is environmentally friendly; features distinctive grain that shows "nodes" of the stalks

PROS: A distinctive modern look, and it's kind to the planet

CONS: Doesn't sand well; very rigid, so subfloor must be perfectly flat

DOUGLAS FIR

Popular for its straight grain, the color varies between brown and white on each board; great for rustic settings

PROS: Like pine, the look is perfect for rustic homes, but typically has straighter grain

CONS: Can lighten dramatically if exposed to sunlight

HICKORY/PECAN

Hickory and pecan (typically mixed by flooring manufacturers) are hardwoods with wavy, irregular grain and major color variations

PROS: Wavy grain and color variations look interesting in rustic homes

CONS: Hardness makes it difficult to machine and sand; nails can split the tongue-and-groove planks

OAK

Classic, traditional wood with pronounced, wavy grain and a slight red tint

PROS: An elegant wood that's a natural fit in log and timber homes

CONS: Slightly pricier than its chief competitor, pine

PINE

Perfect for traditional timber homes; diverse enough for rustic or formal settings

PROS: Inexpensive; widely available

CONS: Softer and easier to dent than many wood floors

ALTERNATIVE FLOORING

Choosing a different flooring material for your home will add visual interest underfoot while breaking up the abundance of wood.

CARPET

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PROS: Disguises subflooring irregularities, which may cause hollow sounds and varied floor heights with harder materials

CONS: Only available in limited widths, so visible seams are highly possible; retains footprints and moisture, making it undesirable for high-traffic areas and bathrooms

STONE

One of the hardest, densest materials available, stone was made for high-traffic areas because it is less prone to dents and dings..

PROS: Size and color variations between tiles — typically a negative in other materials — adds to the rustic aesthetic; durable enough to last a lifetime

CONS: Highly porous, making it more susceptible to stains and water damage (manufactured stone is a smart alternative)

TILE

Usually a "through" product, meaning it's the same color and consistency throughout, ceramic and porcelain tile disguise chips and cracks well over time.

PROS: Withstands moisture making it great in bathrooms and mudrooms; extensive selection of finishes, colors, sizes and shapes

CONS: Some tiles are not as moisture absorbent as others, so they're not all suitable for outdoor use; lighter tiles (with lighter grout) will be more apt to highlight dirt

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If you think picking a roof means deciding between brown and white, think again. Here are the pros and cons of some popular options.

ASPHALT/FIBERGLASS SHINGLE

PROS: Large color selection; inexpensive; easy to install; higher-end products offer greater impact and algae resistance
CONS: Moderately heavy; may not have a long life span; could blow off in high winds; some newer, more innovative products aren't available in all regions

CEDAR SHAKE

PROS: Natural look is perfect for a timber home; allows the house to "breathe;" acts as an insulator
CONS: Can rot because of water or insect infiltration; requires frequent maintenance; could pose a fire hazard if not treated with a fire retardant; old shakes can't be recycled

SLATE

PROS: Could last 100 years or more; natural look complements a timber home; impervious to insects, fire and water; low maintenance
CONS: Very expensive; very heavy; could require extra roof support, adding to overall cost

METAL

PROS: Durable; fire retardant; energy efficient; almost maintenance-free; very lightweight; can be installed over existing roofs
CONS: Can be noisy in heavy rain; may dent; installation can be complicated

METAL TILE

PROS: Gives the look of tile with the high performance of metal; many brands can withstand severe weather conditions
CONS: Moderately expensive; installation can be complicated

SYNTHETIC CEDAR SHAKE

PROS: Impervious to weather and insects; won't rot; requires little maintenance
CONS: Some brands look artificial

SYNTHETIC SLATE

PROS: Weighs about one-third less than real slate and costs considerably less
CONS: Not as long-lasting as the real thing

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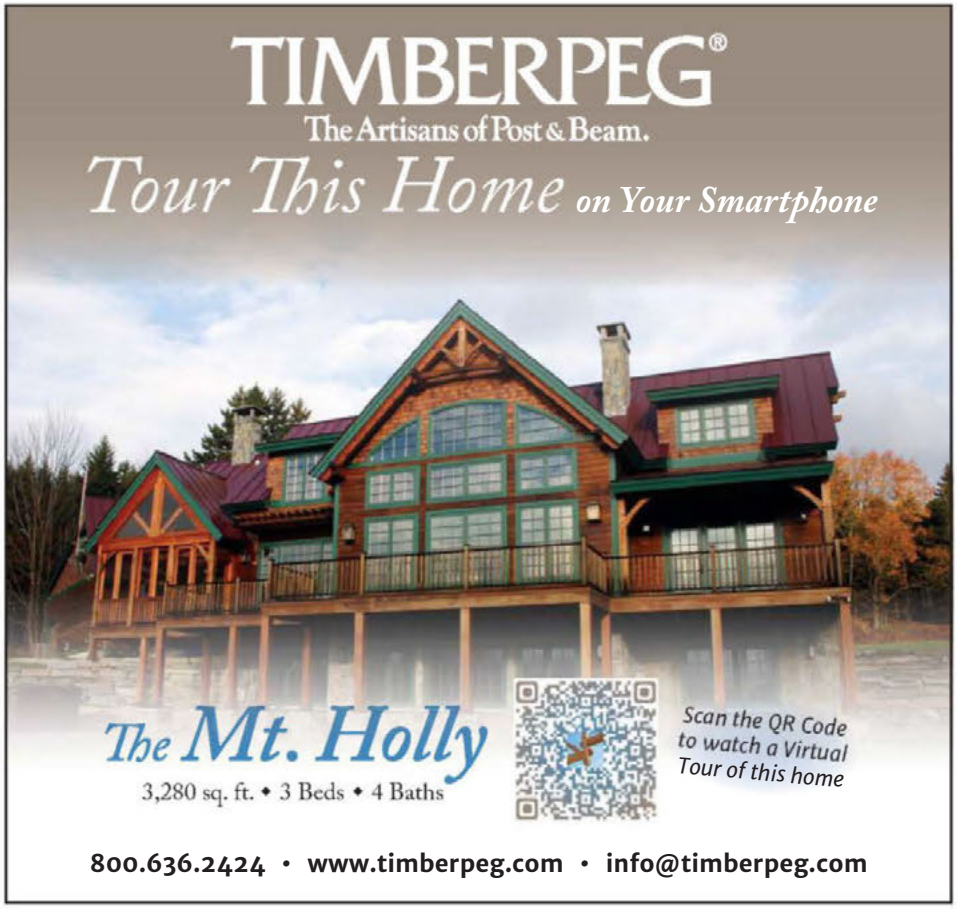

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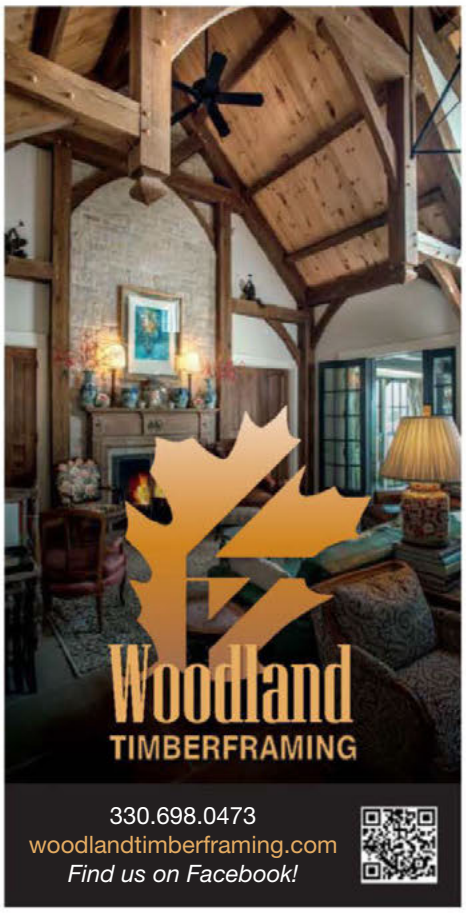

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the big finish

After construction of your home is complete, finishing details may seem trivial — but in fact, they can make all the difference.

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STAIRS

Stairs can be much more than utilitarian — think of them as a way to extend the drama of your trusses all the way to the ground. But don't let a focus on fashion cause you to neglect function. No matter how beautiful a staircase is, you want it to make sense, so placement is important. In the center of a room, a staircase can be a stunning centerpiece, but it also eats up living space. But if you choose to locate it on the side of your home, make sure it's still easily accessible.

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WINDOWS & DOORS

For windows, style, maintenance and durability usually are top priorities, but if you're looking for long-term benefits, energy efficiency is the main thing to keep in mind, as inefficient windows and doors can cost you a bundle in heating and cooling costs. How do you know if the windows and doors you're considering are energy efficient? Look for a high R-value and a low U-value.

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COUNTERTOPS

There's a reason why granite and other natural stones have been the cream of the countertop crop — they're extremely durable. But it's no longer the final word in durability: Both concrete and stainless steel also boast heat- and stain-resistance, and the former can be stained in a rainbow of colors to prevent a too-industrial look. Looking for an environmentally friendly alternative? Consider countertops made from bonded paper, which resembles solid-surface materials.

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design tip

TIMBER ACCENTS

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Many companies offer design options, from full timber packages to an array of timber-frame accents, such as porches, exterior and interior trusses, brackets and mantels. A smart way to add rustic flavor to a stick-built or hybrid home, timber accents will also cost less than choosing to incorporate full timber work in every area of your house.

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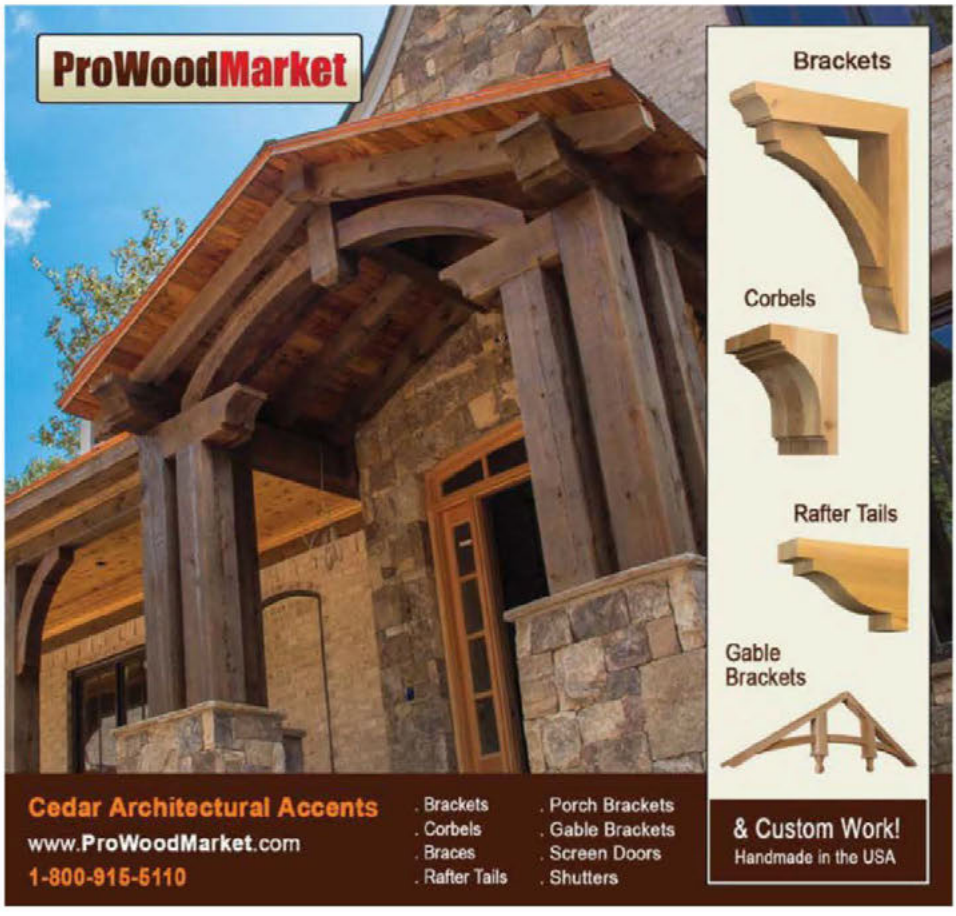

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Simply Irresistible

The extended vernacular structure shows a linear design created of many shapes and sizes that march along the property's ridgeline, slowly stepping down.

A Vermont timber frame pairs sleek decor with natural hues, creating a low-key home that sits subtly on the land.

BY STACEY FREED | PHOTOS BY JIM WESTPHALEN

THE LAND SPEAKS TO US in more ways than we can imagine. And with this Vermont timber frame, the quiet — not to mention gorgeous — site struck a chord with the homeowners and helped drive the simple-yet-stylish design.

With sweeping views of Lake Champlain, the Green Mountains and the Adirondacks, the site is peppered with old maple hardwood growth and farm fields — the perfect setting for a second home for the Washington, D.C.-based homeowners. Architectural designer Cliff Deetjen, manager of design and sales at Peregrine Design/Build in South Burlington, Vermont, worked with the clients (with site planning help from landscape architect Jeff Hodgson of Wagner Hodgson Landscape Architecture) to design a home that would preserve as much of the natural landscape as possible, all while featuring the amenities they desired.

"The site is like an inland peninsula, a spit of land that's raised up high around the established farm field," Cliff says. "We saw the potential for an extended vernacular home with many shapes and sizes on a linear design that could march along the ridgeline, slow-stepping down on the land. There was a nice spine to work with."

Since the home runs north to south, the homeowners enjoy eastern exposure in the morning and western exposure in the evening. "The homeowners wanted something with a playful architectural sense that was well appointed, something with Adirondack style," Cliff says. The answer? A 5,000-square-foot romantic shingle home boasting natural materials, resting on a timber frame.

"The design really started with the family," explains Cliff. "They wanted the house to feel like a retreat but they also wanted to have it feel like a hotel. They love traditional, handsome spaces, accentuated cathedral ceilings, rooms with no slants or curves — a house with a little sophistication and traditionalism."

To accomplish this, the homeowners and design team opted for a structural timber frame, although the clients didn't feel the need to show off the full timber bones on the interior, Cliff says. The open grid floor plan "is a nice way of telling you when to have columns exposed." The double-sided hearth (left) in the gable end of the open space acts as a fulcrum connecting the living room and the screened porch, which nestles in the trees 12 feet above grade. The

The homeowners wanted something playful yet well-appointed for their vacation retreat. The open plan helped dictate where to expose the structure's columns and timbers.

ABOVE: The stone hearth in the gable end of the open great room acts as a double-sided connector between the living space and the screened porch.

RIGHT: The bathrooms all feature the same custom materials found throughout the home. A freestanding tub offers tranquility among the treetops.

FAR RIGHT: Contemporary LED lighting adds some visual interest overhead, as seen with this curved statement chandelier.

first floor is more refined, while the second floor boasts more of the traditional timber frame. "It's a nice hybrid of the two systems," Cliff says.

Interior designer Kim Deetjen of TruexCullins in Burlington came on board early to help with finishes, lighting, plumbing fixtures, colors and countertops. They chose Douglas fir timbers for their warm-hued palette and used salvaged wood and old barn boards (found on the site) for things like custom doors. The floors are wide-board pine sourced locally. All of the interior elements and finishes were picked out in tandem with designing the space.

"From day one the homeowner knew she wanted the stove she chose — a custom-made range from France — so we designed the kitchen around that. We focused on the essence of all the spaces and encouraged furniture layouts early on. The lighting was overlaid quickly so that we could understand where things needed to be accented," says Cliff.

For a bit of bling, Deetjen added accents with LEDs. Since everything is exposed in a timber frame, it's important to pick the right track lighting. "The lighting here is a contemporary 'wow,'" Cliff says. The lower level space is the true family room with a walk-out to the pool area.

"We knew the house would be built for generations," Cliff says. "It is a house to be lived in and not showcased." ▪

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Big House on the Prairie

A Michigan couple creates a custom home that evokes the flavor of pioneer days.

BY STACY DURR ALBERT | PHOTOS BY JOSEPH HILLIARD

With seven different pitches and numerous converging rooflines, the cedar-shake roof adds great character to the Hopes' timber home. "Custom timber trusses are tucked into the roof dormers, and the trusses extend through the lodge room and onto the deck," shares Susan Hope. A large truss supports the covered entry where an image of an American Indian on horseback is etched into the front door.

OPPOSITE: The homeowners spent a lot of time deciding exactly how to site their home on the 90-acre property. "We positioned the house to get the best views from every level and every room," says Susan.

ABOVE: A Southwestern color palette and a bevy of Western collectibles sound a note of old-fashioned charm in the kitchen, while modern appliances and granite countertops add a modern flair.

If there's one thing Dan and Susan Hope wanted to capture in their timber home, it was a true pioneer spirit. The reason goes beyond the simple appeal of the style — Dan grew up in a log cabin with many primitive details and his heritage is part Cherokee and part Choctaw, so he yearned for a house that would evoke the spirit of the early days of the American West.

"We wanted to incorporate the things that Dan remembered and loved most from his boyhood home," explains Susan. "We also wanted to honor his mother's Native American background."

Throughout the couple's show-stopping home, pioneer details abound, from the etching on the front door of an American Indian on horseback (based on the famous "End of the Trail" sculpture by James Earle Fraser) to the traditional, hand-split cedar roof shakes. A bevy of hunting trophies continues the theme; Dan's passion for hunting is actually what triggered the idea for a rustic home.

"We didn't have any acreage for my husband, sons and oldest grandson to hunt, so we began looking for land," shares Susan. "Our son found these 90 acres in southwestern Michigan where he spotted deer, wild turkey and pheasant."

After buying the land, Dan had a primitive hunting lodge built on the property so that they could enjoy the site while planning their dream house. Rather than rush into a decision, the Hopes spent some time thinking about what type of home would be the best fit.

"We originally thought we wanted to build a log home, but couldn't find a floor plan with the character we wanted," explains Susan. "We knew we wanted a rustic home, so my husband toured several timber houses while on a business trip and discovered that this construction style was a great option."

OPPOSITE: Set atop a hill, the 8,200-square-foot home affords breathtaking views of the pond, meadows and wetlands. A passion for hunting runs in the family, so they're thrilled with the wildlife that makes regular appearances.

RIGHT: The master bath feels like a mini spa, thanks to a unique double-entry shower and a built-in tub with an intricate tile surround. The custom cabinetry was created by Amish craftsman, Joni Yoder of J & D Woodworking.

BELOW: A recessed ceiling and access to an exterior deck make the spacious master bedroom feel even larger than it really is. A custom log bed and hardwood floors continue the warmth of wood.

After searching online for a floor plan, the couple found the "Amicalola Cottage" plan from Garrell Associates, which appealed to their desire for a warm and inviting home that was also accommodating and functional. With a few modifications, the plan was ready to go.

"We had to modify the plan to better fit our family and our desire to have large gatherings at our home," explains Susan. "We opened up a wall between the lodge room and kitchen, and installed two large tree trunks as it was a load-bearing wall."

Siting the home on the property was easy, thanks to an impromptu picnic lunch. "One day, while picnicking on the hill of the property, we realized it was the perfect spot to build the house," says Susan, noting the panoramic views of meadow and wetlands that the location affords.

To make the home a reality, the Hopes turned to general contractor Tom Waterloo of Eagle Crest Homes, who did everything from acquiring grading permits to prepping the roof for shingles. His company also erected the breathtaking oak frame, which was produced by Riverbend Timber Framing in Blissfield, Michigan.

"The interior frame is red oak, while the exterior frame is white oak," shares Tom. "The frame soars to a breathtaking 26 feet in the great room, and the trusses have a very distinctive style. They carried some of these stylistic timber elements outside to the gables as a teaser for the beauty inside."

The building process was a smooth one, in spite of a rainy spell. "We had nine inches of rain in a single weekend, remnants of three hurricanes converging," recalls Tom. "It made things a slop-

py mess, but thankfully the construction was not compromised."

The Hopes were very involved in the project; in fact, Dan oversaw much of the construction himself. The result is an 8,200-square-foot home that is a perfect marriage of form and function. The layout features a main level, loft and a walk-out basement, offering ample space for visiting friends and family. In fact, there is actually a kitchen of some type on each of the three levels. In addition, there are seven fireplaces within the home (three are exterior).

"The floor plan of this home is open and allows for ease in entertaining," shares Susan. "There are areas that allow for privacy and reflection, and areas for fun and play. Our guests have commented on how warm and inviting our home is, which is what we were trying to achieve."

The interior decorating enhances the warm flavor of the home. Filled with Native American artwork and linens, natural wood furniture and a Southwestern color palette, the home captures the Western ambiance that the Hopes were eager to create. A few of the more distinctive features are textured walls, a wood ceiling in the dining room, and a wood/copper ceiling in the breakfast nook, all created by Hertzler Construction of Burr Oak, Michigan.

The exterior of the home is just as striking, starting with the roof and its copper-colored gutters. Hand-split cedar shakes were installed in a random pattern, reminiscent of pioneer style.

An abundance of outdoor living space — including a 187-degree wraparound deck — offers ample opportunity to enjoy nature at its finest. "From our deck, we see sunrises, sunsets and everything in-between," gushes Susan.

Whether they are walking around the property looking at wildlife or sitting on their deck soaking up the view, the Hopes feel at peace. They have dubbed their home "End of the Trail" after the famous image that graces their front door. Not only does the name reflect the pioneer spirit, it also highlights the simple fact that at the end of the couple's personal trail each day, an undeniably inviting timber home awaits. ▪

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A serene, nature-inspired home provides the perfect setting for soaking up a little R & R.

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Walking half a mile each morning to retrieve the morning paper might seem like an inconvenience to some, but to Brian Bachman, it's a privilege. "It's a great way to start the day," he says. "I love watching the sun light up the tops of the mountains then gradually move down until the entire mountain is illuminated."

For Brian, being surrounded by breathtaking views at every turn is a long-time dream come true. "I first fell in love with the West at the age of 14 when I went to the National Boy Scout Ranch in New Mexico," Brian explains. "I spent the rest of my life looking for a place in the high mountain valley."

Fast forward fifty years. Brian had lived on both coasts and developed a deep love for the water, too. So when he came across an idyllic riverfront site in Montana's Bitterroot Valley he was sold. "We wanted a place with the sights and sounds of the water," he says. "We have rapids and riffles, an island and deep pools, so there is always a lot of action in the river."

An original house and barn already occupied the old farm homestead, but Brian had something a bit larger in mind. Over the next year, he added a nearly 8,000-square-foot timber beauty to the 70-acre property, staying heavily involved in the design and construction process every step of the way. "I made it a point to be at the site every day," he says.

To ensure the design and building process would go as smoothly as possible, Brian met with general contractor

Not accidentally, the rock wall surrounding the great room fireplace has a primitive quality to it. "We wanted it to have that old rustic look like the farmer had put it up himself," says general contractor Doug Banks. "To add more interest, we worked the heavy timber look through the headers."

home details

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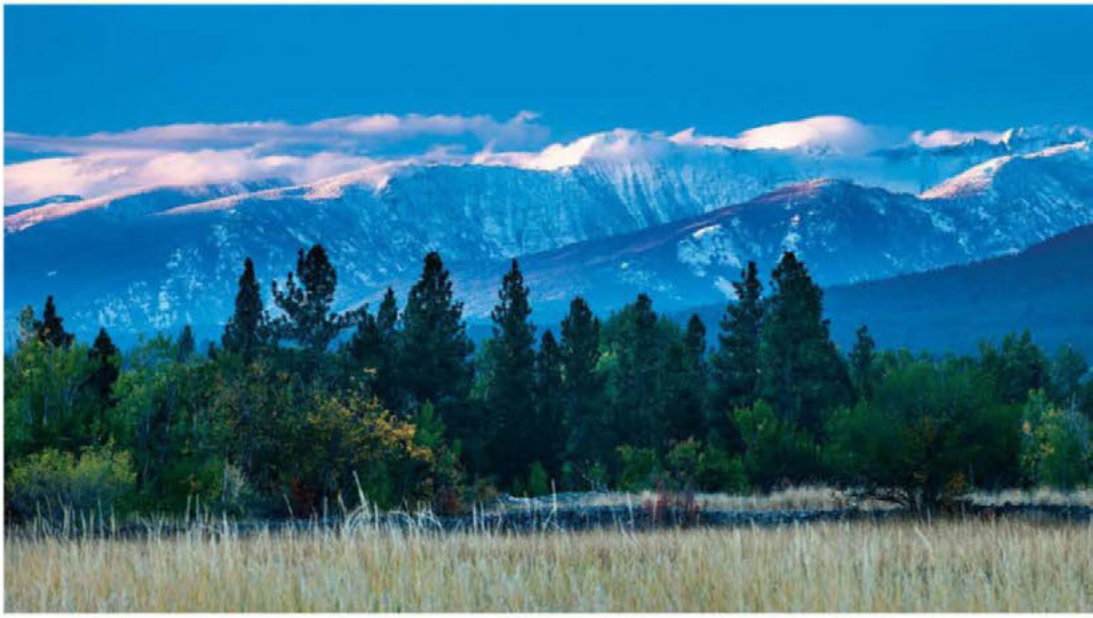
Doug Banks at Vintage Construction in Darby, Montana, and Jeremy Oury, AIA, of Kibo Group Architecture in Missoula for brainstorming sessions throughout construction. "We had all-day jam sessions where we made suggestions and revisions," Banks says. "It worked out really well."

What the team came up with was a highly functional home that would provide room to both entertain and relax, showcase spectacular views, and make strong use of natural materials, giving the home a quiet presence on the land. "We didn't want the house to appear to be a house from the road," Brian says. "We varied the roofline and used a number of different finishes to help it blend in." Board and batten siding, stucco and stacked-stone walls (from rocks hand-picked from the property) give the impression that the home has been added to over time. "With all of the variation, we were hoping to create the feeling that it was built in pieces," he says.

Inside, faux finishing on the walls,



OPPOSITE: The master bathroom features radiant heat floors, a granite-tiled shower with a rainfall shower head and a sunken bathtub, but the best offering may be the views. **CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** A dedicated dog-washing area in the mud room makes quick work of grooming man's best friend. ▪ The nearby mountain range served as inspiration for the home's varying rooflines. ▪ Charming accents bring character to the home. ▪ In the basement bunkroom, a Ponderosa Pine trunk adds an element of whimsy and provides the perfect ladder. "The kids love climbing up and down it," Brian says. Other thoughtful touches include built-in cubbies at the end of each bed and eye-catching corrugated metal roofing on the ceiling. ▪ The welcoming timber-frame entrance featuring a heavy king post truss gives depth to the entrance and shelters the porch, a particularly welcoming feature in the snowy winter months. ▪ Rustic hardware serves as an elegant detail found throughout the house.

Knotty alder cabinets warm up the kitchen with its stainless steel appliances and fixtures, while a multi-level island provides separate spaces for prep work and eating.

rock accents and wood elements all encourage an authentic feel, but without a doubt, it is the oversized beam work that does the most to set the warm, lodge-like tone of the interiors. The home combines structural timber elements in the main living areas with conventional stick framing and timber accents elsewhere. In the great room, hand-drawn Douglas Fir timbers span overhead, drawing all eyes upward, at least for a moment, until the prow windows — or rather the views they frame — steal the show. "The entire back of the house is a wall of windows facing the river," Brian says. "The moment people walk into the home, they are attracted to the views."

While the front entry with the exposed timber frame and expansive windows are meant to draw visitors in to the home, everything else is "designed to provide smaller-feeling spaces," Brian says. To create cozy rooms within the open-concept layout, Brian varied ceiling heights, textures and finishes, and paid careful attention to furniture placement. "People in a big undivided space tend to get lost and migrate to smaller well-defined areas," he says.

Knowing human nature craves solitude as much as meaningful interaction, Brian worked hard to strike the right balance between the home's public and private spaces. In the main living area, the grand entry gives way to the great room, kitchen and dining areas, all which invite guests to linger comfortably over good food and good conversation. In the home's private quarters, a spa-like master suite provides a welcome respite.

And, on the screened-in porch, Brian and his visitors can have it all. "Whether you're sitting quietly by the fire, listening to the water and reading a book or finishing up that last glass of wine with friends after a dinner party, it's a pretty cool experience," he says. But is it his favorite room in the house? "That's like asking me which child I love the most," Brian says. "I don't know if I can answer that one." ▪

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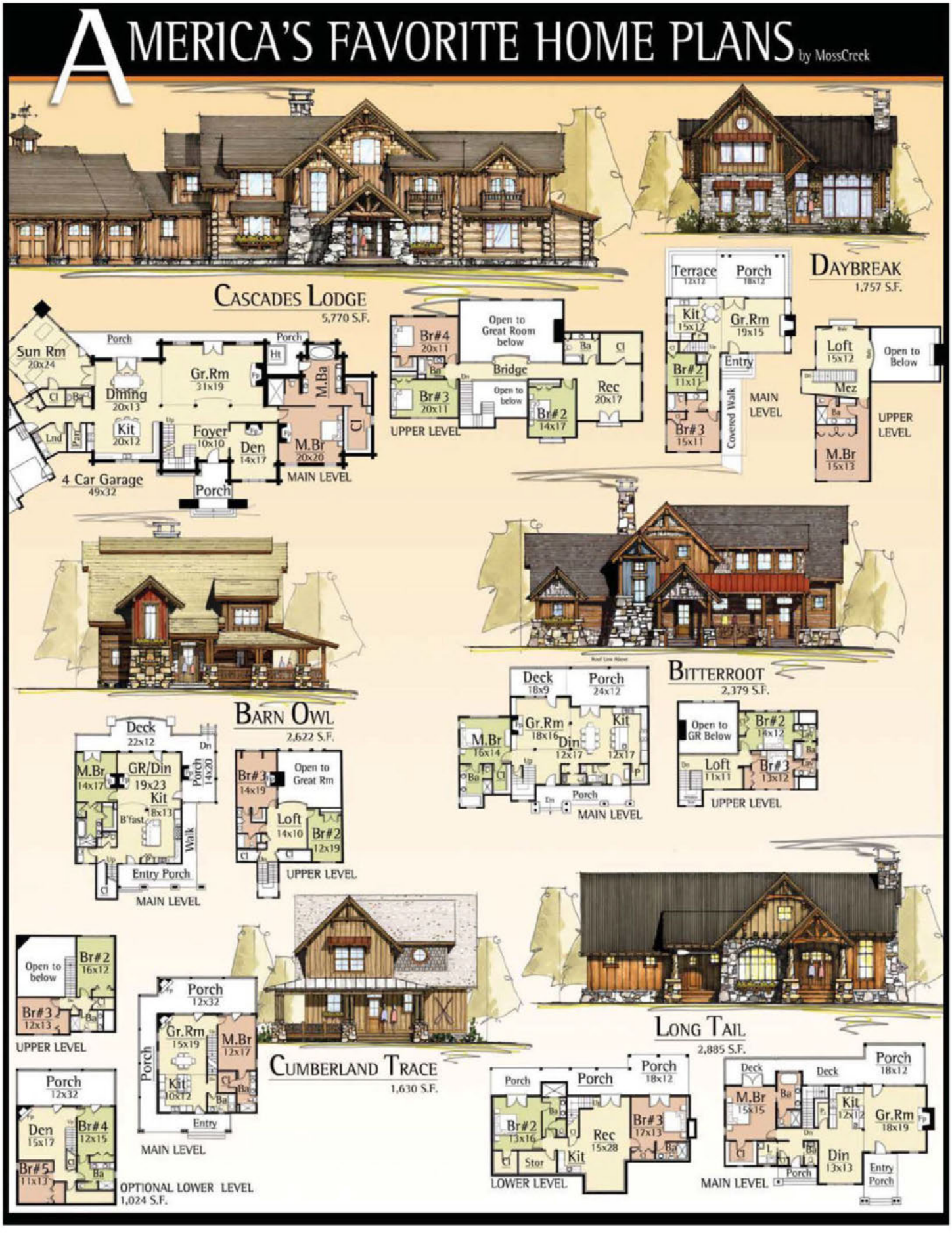

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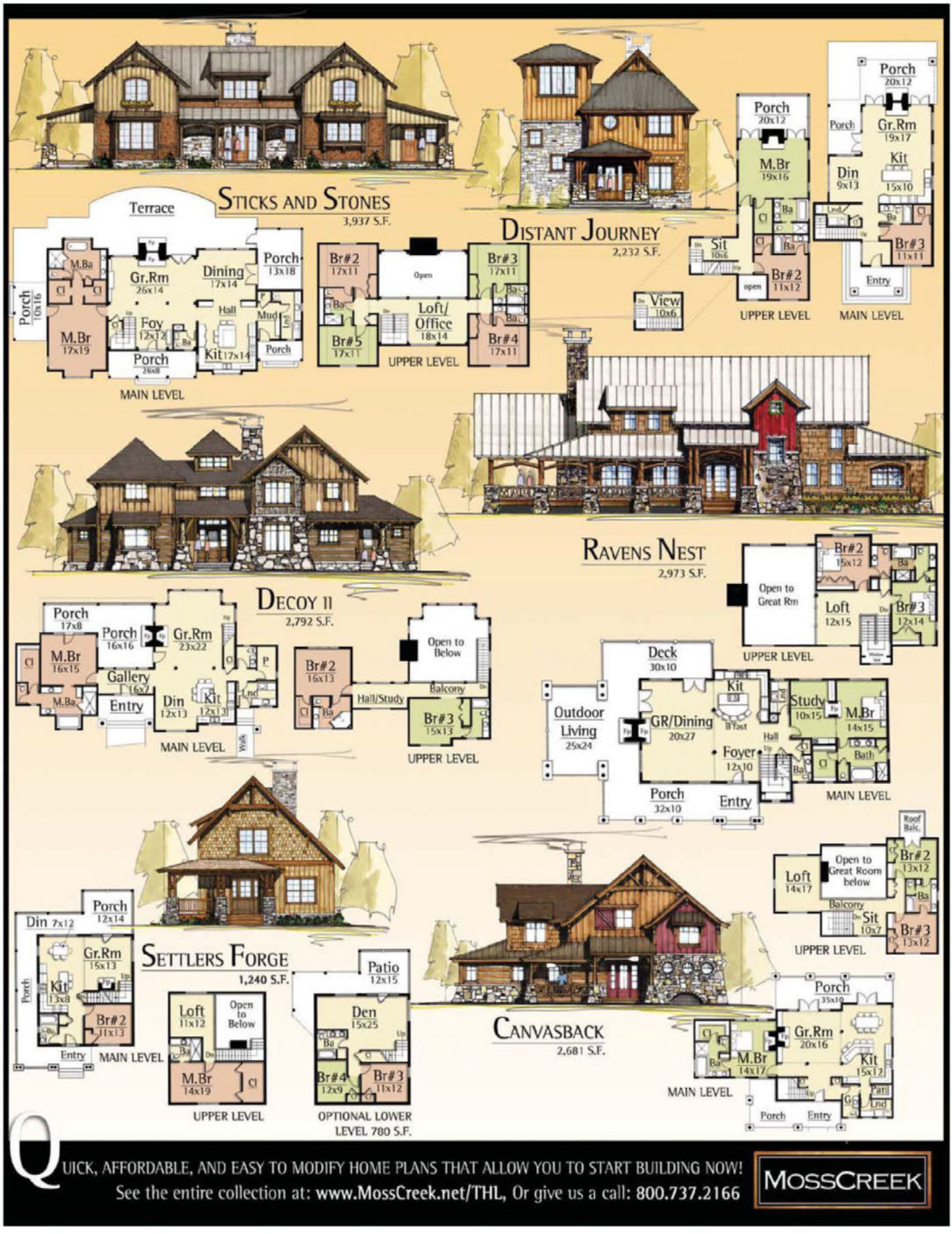

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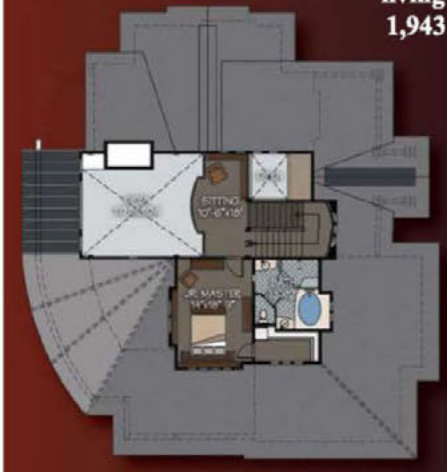

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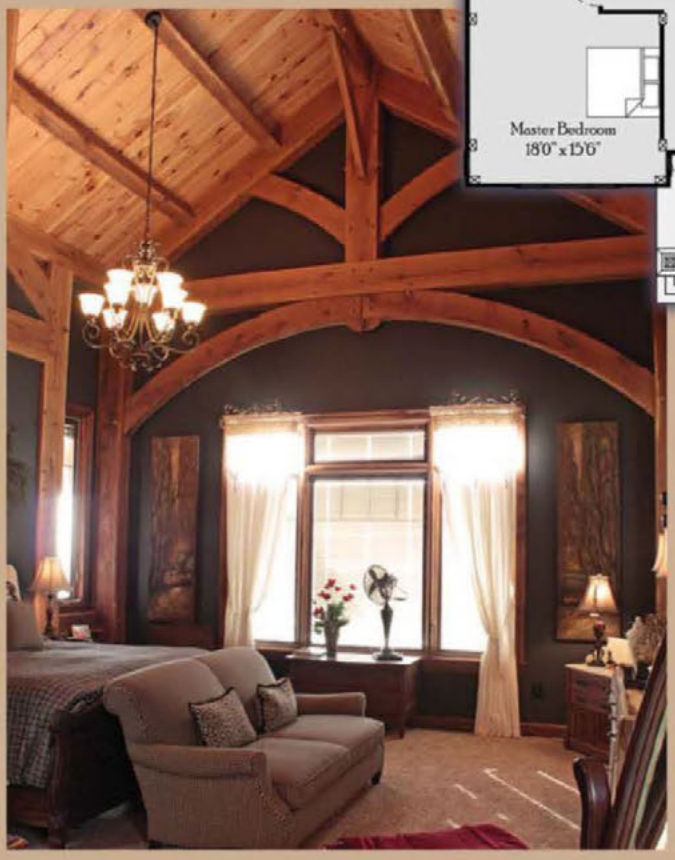

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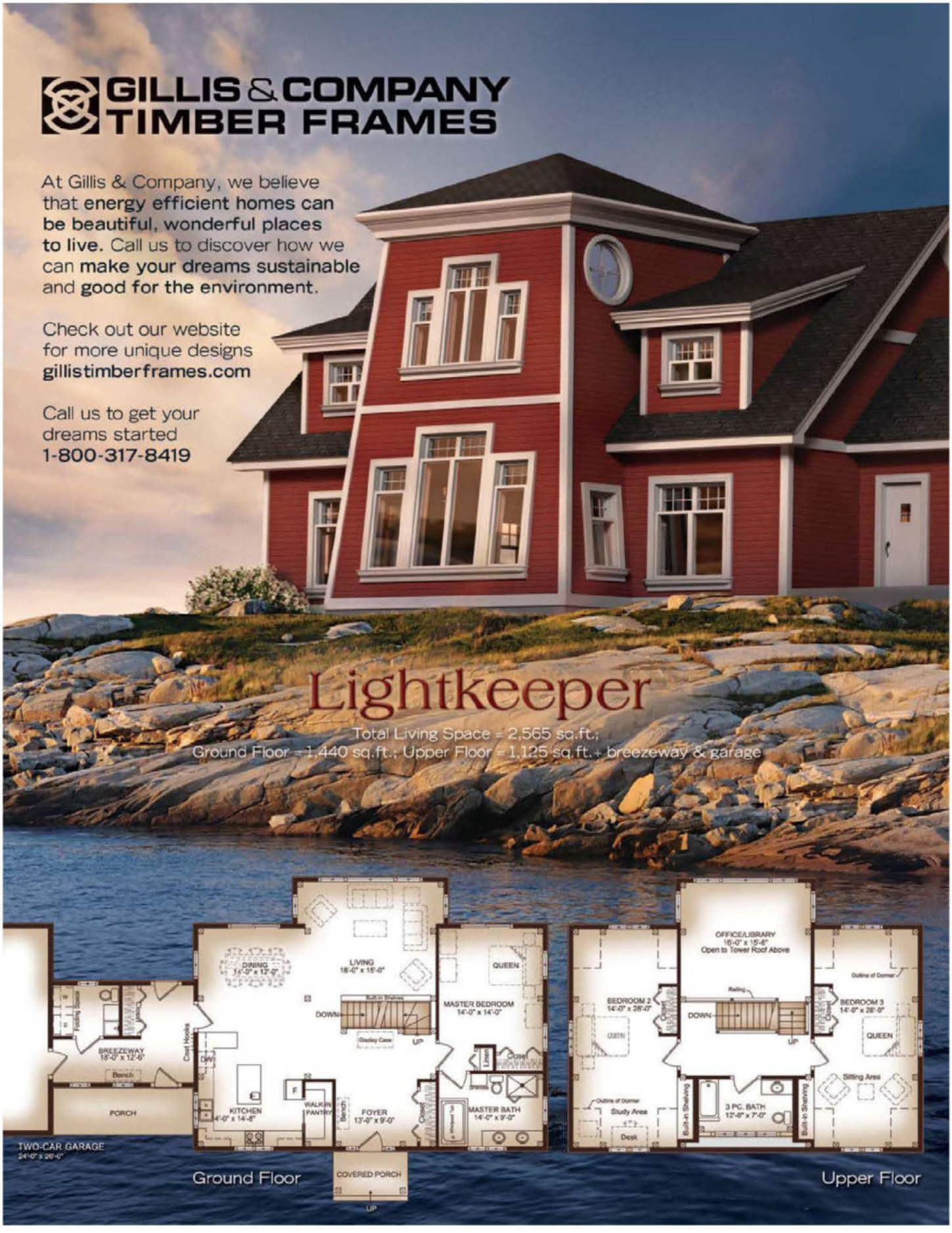

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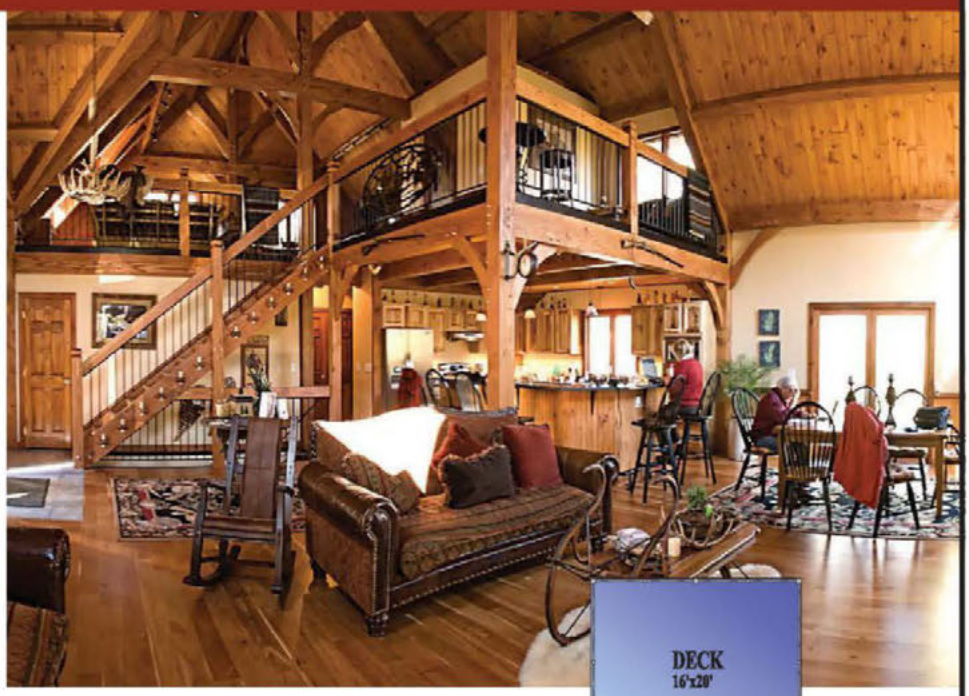

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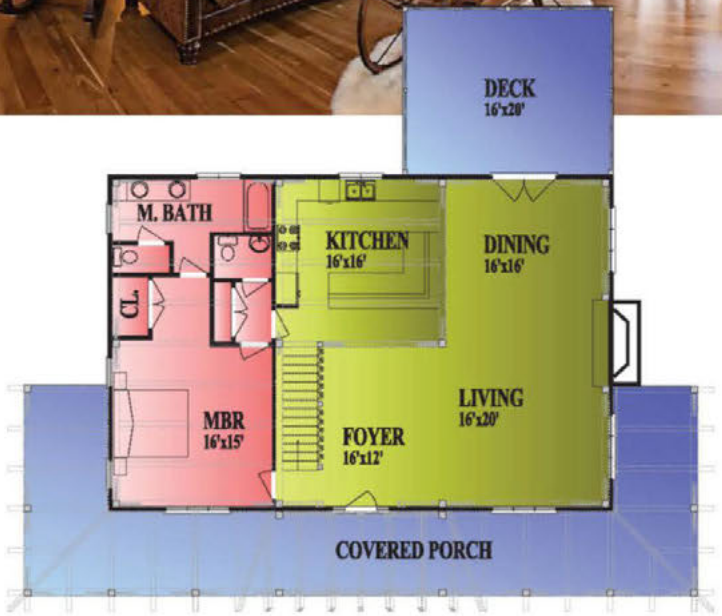

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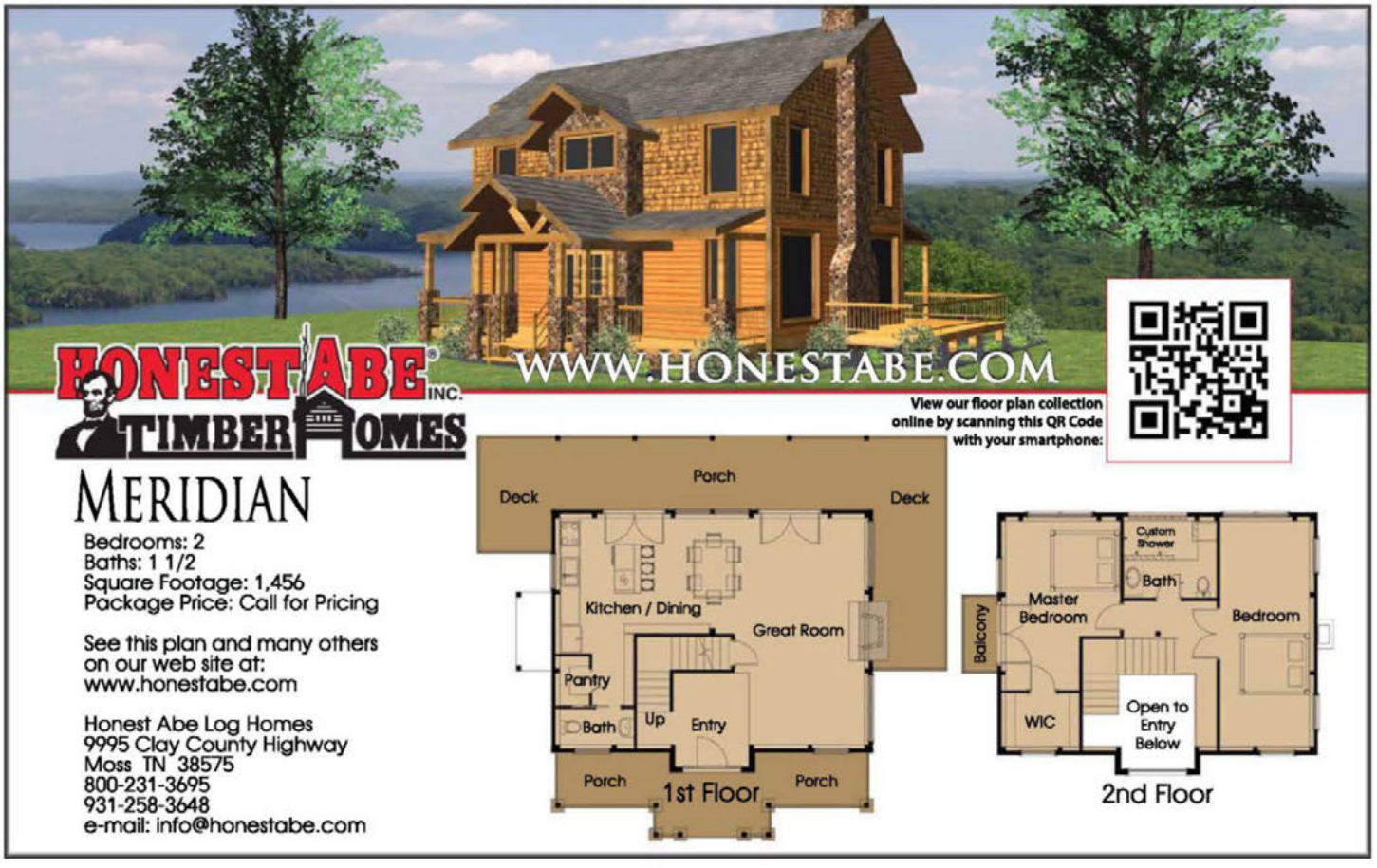

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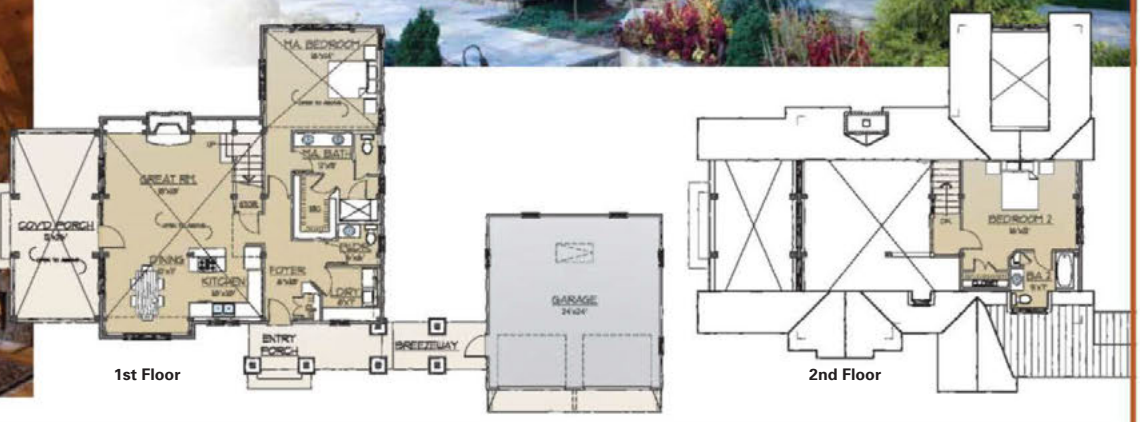
Trout Creek

Bedrooms: 2 **Baths:** 2
Square Footage: 1,580
Call for pricing
Market Areas: United States

A compact cottage design which combines dramatic space and an efficient floor plan. Feeling much larger than the square footage indicates, half of the house is great room combining the kitchen, dining, and living room into one large space. The remainder of the home creatively utilizes the volume of the timber frame to accommodate two bathrooms and two attractive bedrooms.



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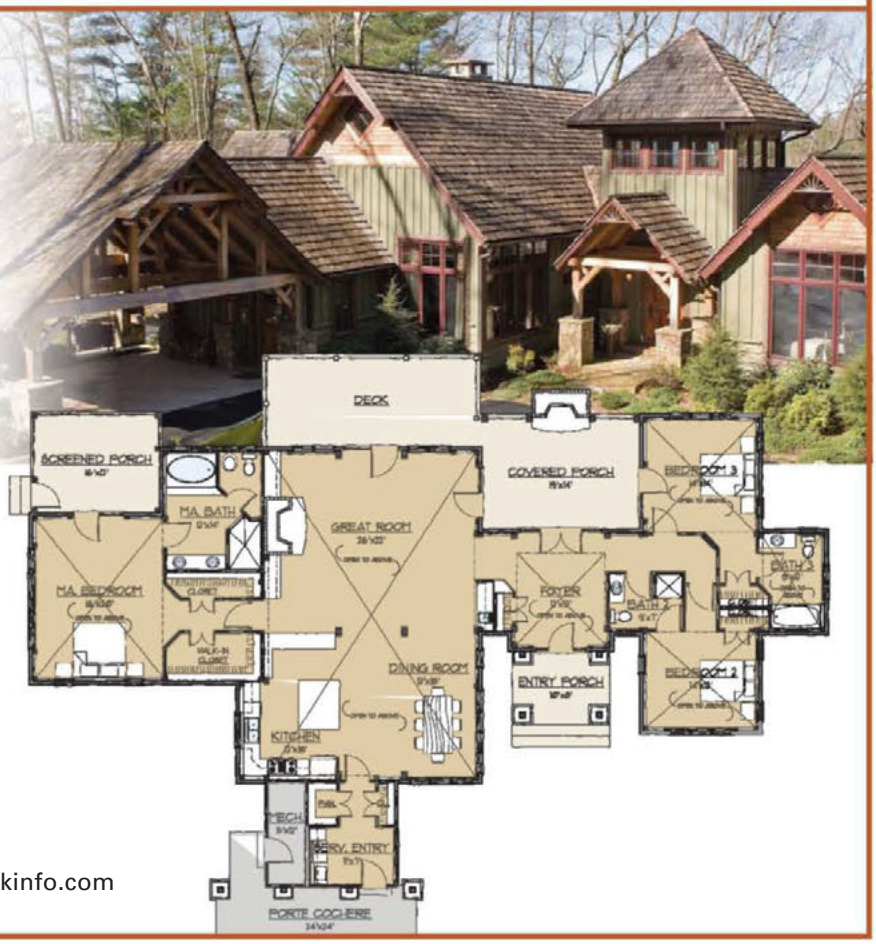

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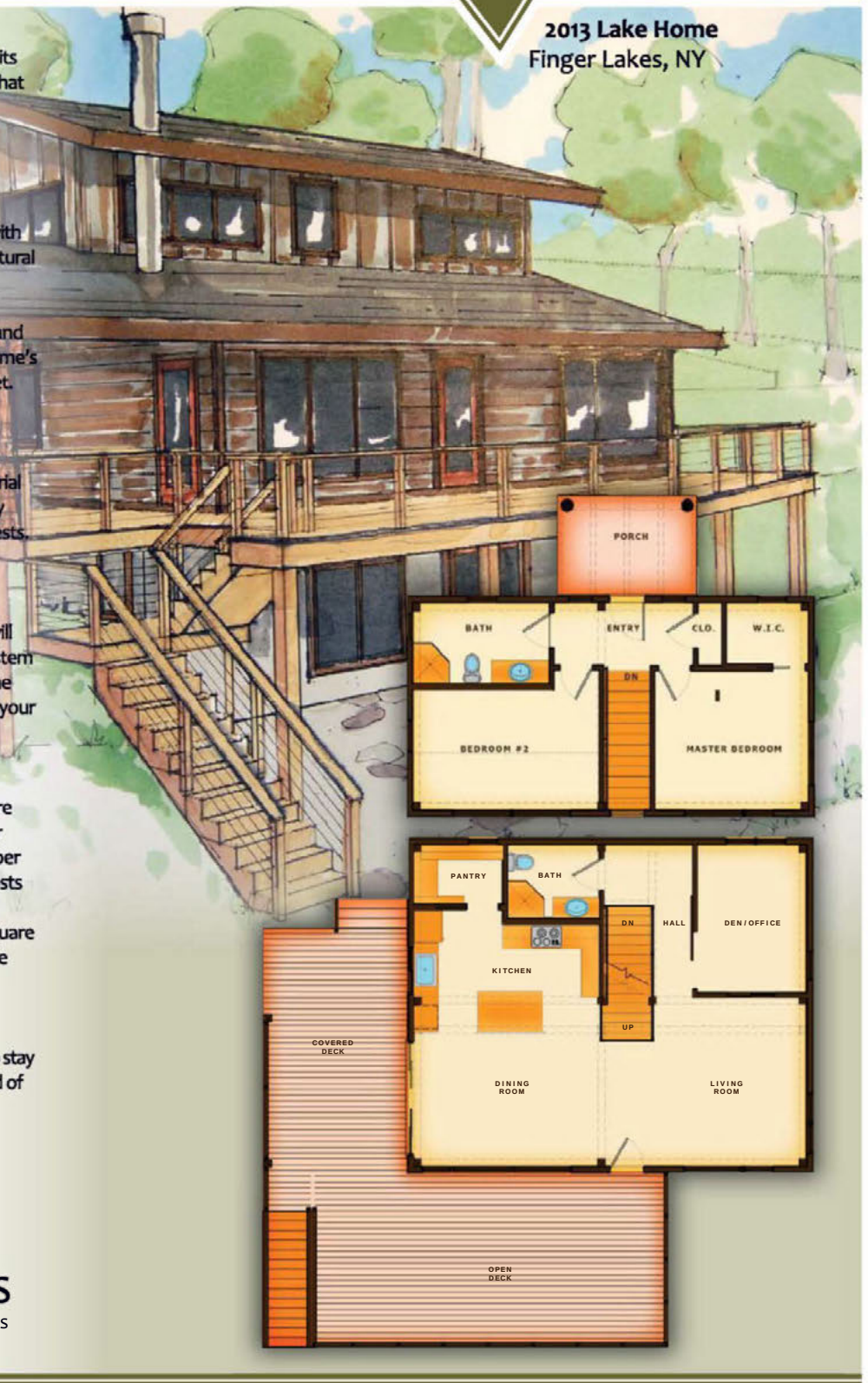

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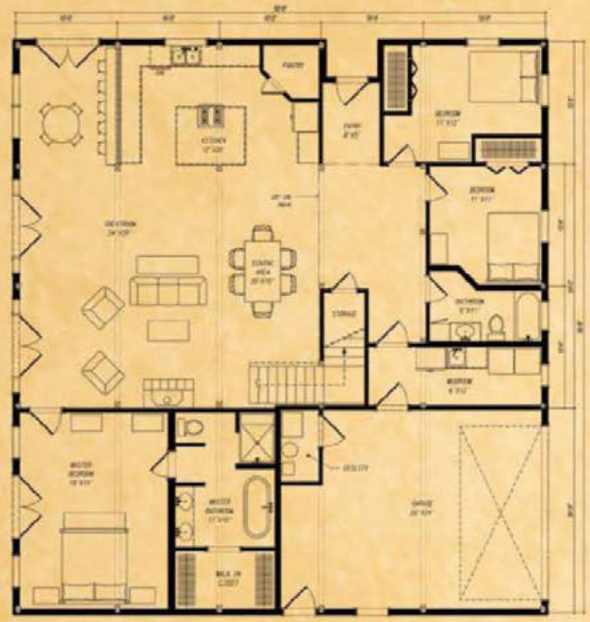

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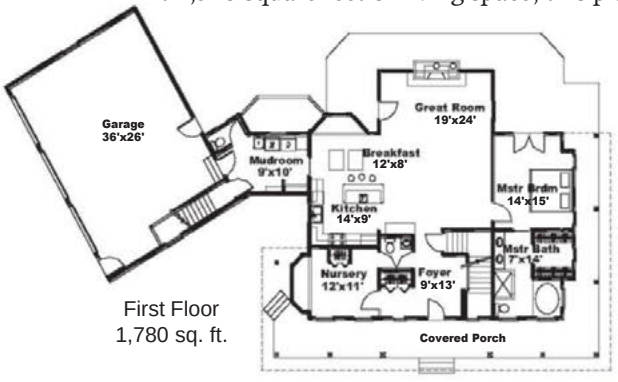

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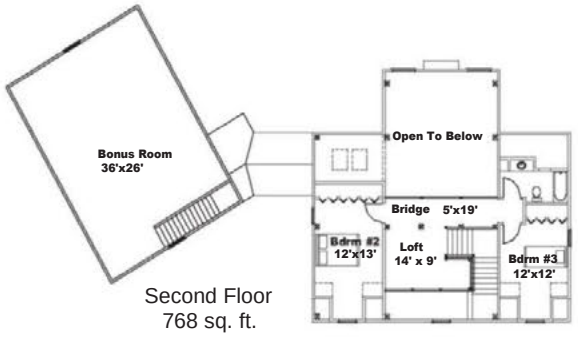

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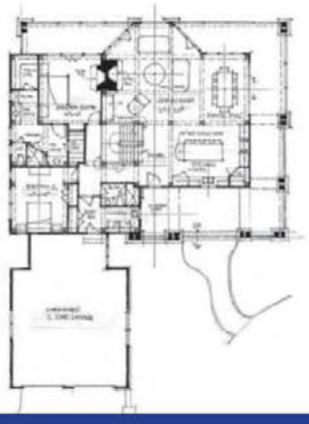

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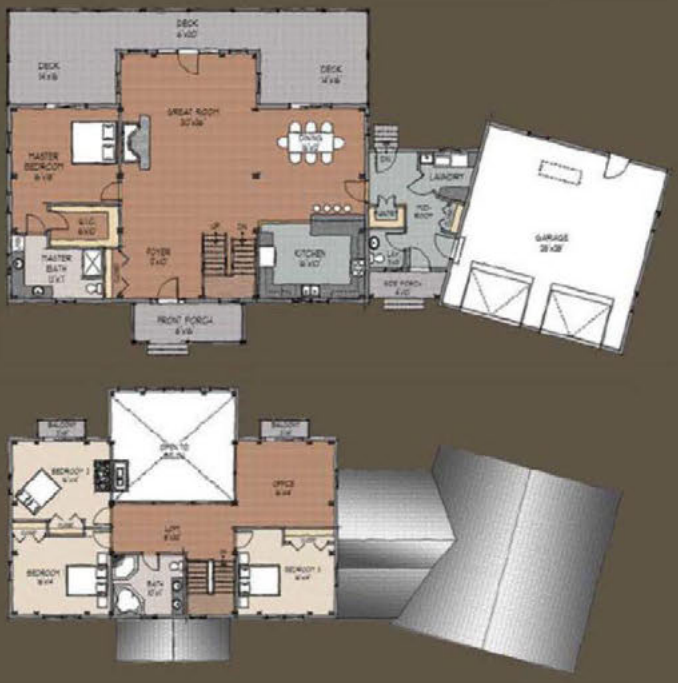

The Lakeland offers a spacious floor plan, with a first floor open concept great room, dining room and kitchen. The master suite is located to the left of the main living areas, while the mudroom and laundry room is located to the right. A wraparound deck is accessible from multiple rooms and is the perfect place to enjoy outdoor living. The second floor hosts plenty of room for the family with three bedrooms, a bathroom and an open office and loft area that overlooks the first floor.

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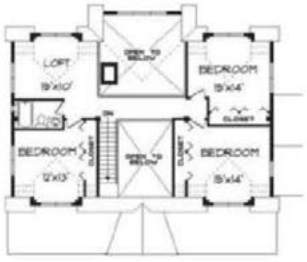

Second Floor

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This popular design accommodates one floor living and is perfect for growing families. The farmer's porch opens to the cathedral foyer and great room. The large kitchen and dining rooms can easily accommodate holiday gatherings. The master bedroom suite, mudroom and two car garage complete the one floor living design. The central staircase leads up to three large upstairs bedrooms, a full bath and an open loft area overlooking the great room. This is a beautiful Hampshire Homestead design.

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First floor pictured above, second floor not shown.

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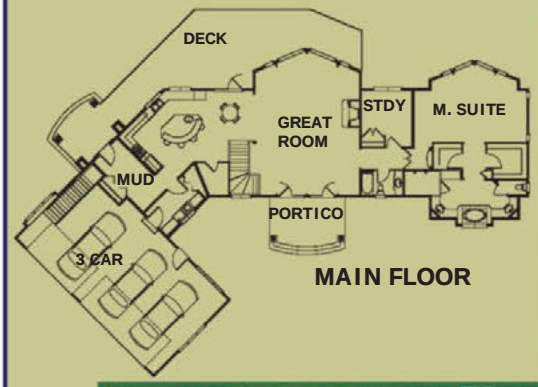

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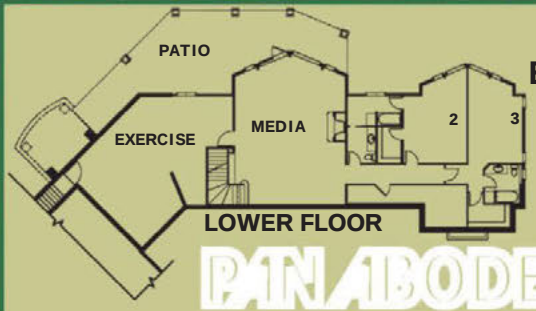

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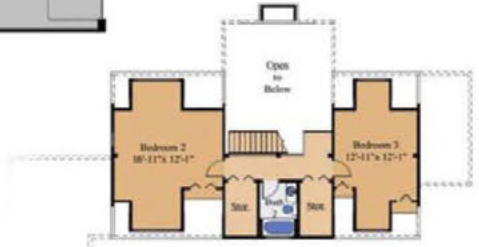

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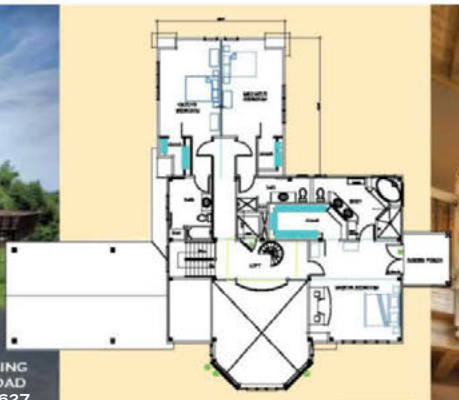

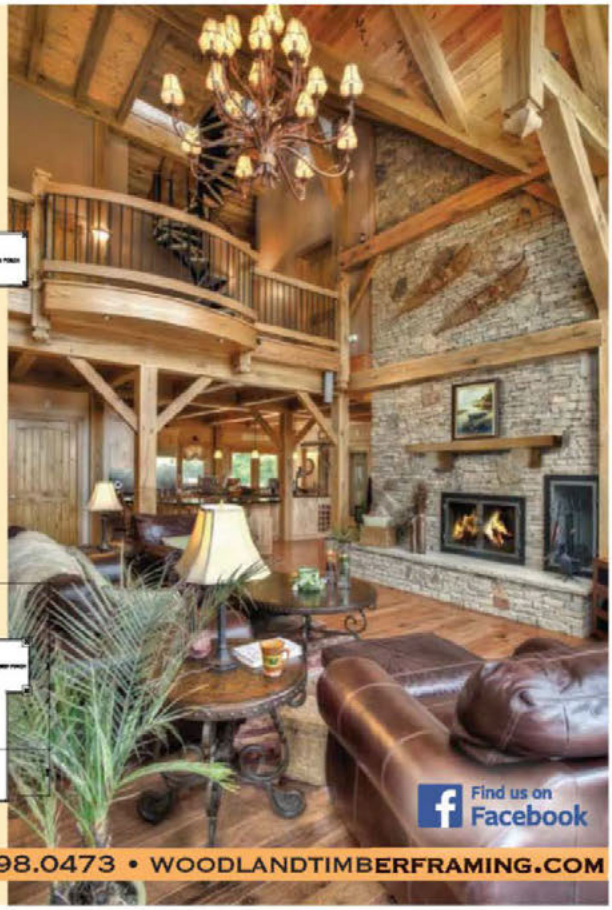

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This directory represents timber companies who have advertised in this issue. Find more timber companies in the **Builder-Dealer Marketplace** (p. 104). For additional companies, contact the Timber Framers Guild at 888-453-0879 or www.tfguild.org.

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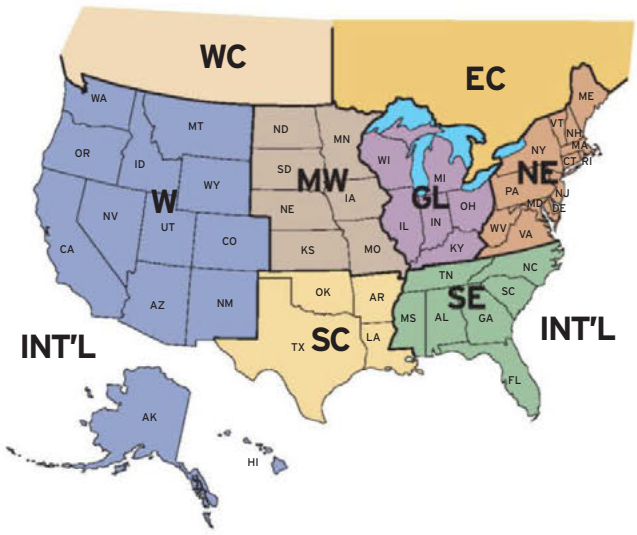

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You will receive the best pricing and the highest quality timber frame package! Hand cut, fully housed joinery is the best quality and that's what we provide. You will have a dedicated team of experienced professionals providing you with the best customer service. You will have all the options that a true timber frame company has to offer. You will have experienced craftsmen hand-cut, pre-fit, raise the timber frame and install the wall and roof structural insulated panels, guaranteeing the highest quality product and installation.

What sets Hampshire Timber Frame apart from the rest of the pack is in the details. To start with, we listen to you. We then design your home per your ideas, needs, sight conditions and budget. By specializing in downsizing and retirement design, we keep up with current trends and our customer needs of today.

The necessity of a home being energy efficient and having minimum maintenance is growing more important each day. By using only the highest grade materials along with energy efficient structural insulated panels for the wall and roof systems, we decrease the maintenance and increase the value of your new timber frame home.

We design and build homes, cottages, barns, roof systems, hybrids, additions, condominiums as well as commercial projects including offices, stores, banks and theaters.

Working directly with you is key in providing you with ultimate satisfaction. When you are living in your new timber frame home and you realize that you have the design you wanted, the high quality you expected and had a fun and exciting experience, we feel that only then will you have the ultimate satisfaction. Please contact us today for more information or about getting started. Thanks.

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Company Information

We have custom designed, engineered, manufactured and built thousands of heavy timber homes and light commercial structures nationwide since 1971. We own a special sawmill to manage the supply of large long timbers up to 40 feet. Our wood species expertise includes White Pine, Oak, Douglas Fir, Cypress, Yellow Pine and Antique Heart Pine timbers. Our drying process is a highly automated vacuum-kiln technology that dries timber faster and to the core, resulting in less shrinkage, movement and checking than traditional methods.

Our design and engineering team uses solid modeling to visualize and work out the most complex of joinery. Then our two Hundegger CAD/CAM machines work alongside our hand crafters to create truly stunning environments of heavy timbers with mortise & tenon joinery and/or iron and steel connections. Timber finishes available include planed and chamfered, hand hewn, WeatherAged and rough sawn. We specify and include precut energy efficient SIPS wherever practical. Our experienced construction crews travel with a crane and set the 'shell' nationwide for a fixed fee, or a trained technical assistant can be provided. Regionally, we also provide turnkey construction services.

We are confident in our products and services that we offer a money-back guarantee unmatched by anyone in the industry. If your purchase a home and take delivery and erection as agreed, and you are then dissatisfied with the quality of our product, we'll dismantle the structure we originally erected and return the money you gave us. Come and visit and see firsthand what sets us apart.

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Market Areas

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Product Literature

Online Brochure . . . . . .Free

Company Information

Heavy Timber Truss & Frame's mission goes a step beyond providing the best fit and finish for your quality timber frame home; we strive to provide an energy efficient timber frame home that meets your needs. It is what sets us apart from the rest. We design the timber frame home and supply all the components to form an integrated building envelope.

There is an old saying that the "sum is greater than the parts." Our years of experience taught us that it takes all of the envelope components working together to achieve superior performance. This goal is attainable when you specify and control the integration of quality products. We practice a five step process:

1. **Direct** the timber frame design process to meet your needs and budget. Our Portfolio Plans feature MossCreek designs.

2. **Select** energy efficient products that are leaders in the field: Neopor Structural Insulated Panel Systems; Insulated Concrete Forms; High Efficiency Windows & Doors.

3. **Understand** each component's attributes to maximize performance through integrated design; Provide an HVAC energy analysis that specifies an efficient HVAC system.

4. **Fabricate** the timber frame to the most exacting standards; Provide timber framing that is prefinished to your specifications.

5. **Experienced** installation crew can be provided who understands that to achieve the highest energy efficiency there must be the tightest fit of all shell components.

"Engage in the process and you will end up with a beautiful, energy efficient timber framed home!"

-The HTT&F Partners: Bruce, Chuck & Terry

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Product Literature

Floor Plan, Product & Planning Guides $10

Company Information

Honest Abe Log Homes manufactures and builds custom log and timber frame homes. Each log or timber frame home is precut, notched and numbered using modern, state-of-the-art manufacturing practices. These precut packages are shipped throughout the United States and the world.

Honest Abe has been in the log home business since 1979, but it has been involved in the wood products business since well before that. Many years of experience and thousands of homes completed make Honest Abe a very dependable company. In fact, Honest Abe encourages visitors to their national headquarters in Moss, Tenn., to verify this dependability for themselves. Customers can see the large inventory maintained, view the manufacturing and business practices and discover the various quality products available from Honest Abe.

A variety of log systems are offered, including D-Logs, round, Appalachian-style, chinked and non-chinked. These systems are precut, notched and numbered. All logs are kiln dried, TPI graded, stamped and meet or exceed national grading standards.

A variety of doors and windows are available including Jeld-Wen, Pella and Anderson®. Subfloor, second-story beams, tongue-and-groove, roofs, porch and deck materials, interior trim, interior doors and interior tongue-and groove make for a very complete package.

Honest Abe homes are marketed throughout the world through direct sales offices in Tennessee and a network of independent dealerships throughout the country. Honest Abe will contract to build the log home to a dry-in stage within certain distances of the national headquarters. Independent dealers are available in many different parts of the nation to provide construction services.

Call 800-231-3695 for a free brochure, to ask questions or to order the catalog of plans and products. Visit the website at www.honestabe.com and become a member of Honest Abe Extra to receive access to exclusive photos, floor plans and other content. Honest Abe offers a variety of events from construction tours, home tours and log raising demonstrations, all of which can be found on the website.

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Market Areas

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Company Information

Lancaster County Timber Frames Inc., a highly regarded award-winning shop is, by choice, a small company comprised of a dozen passionate people, all of whom are shareholders. Quality of design, service and workmanship are of much more importance to us than rate of turnover and volume of output.

Since 1987 we have been crafting timber frames of the highest order by hand. We have no desire to become material handlers, dumping raw timbers onto a CNC machine; nor do we desire to act as "brokers" or "virtual timber framers", soliciting your business only to turn your project over to an automated third party job shop. Each and every one of our timbers is carved in our shop, by our craftsmen, by hand. These same craftsmen are the ones who will arrive at your site to erect your frame, exercising the same care during the raising that they took during the carving.

We have designed and erected over 400 timber frames. Some have been small and simple; others have been large and complex. While private residences constitute a large portion of our work, commercial projects follow closely behind. Some of our commercial projects include: Gettysburg National Battlefield Museum in PA, Belmont Abbey College Chapel in NC, Great Harbor Yacht Club on Nantucket in MA, John Wright Restaurant in PA, St. Thomas the Apostle Orthodox Church in MD, Siegrist Covered Bridge in PA, Atrium for the National Shrine of St. John Neumann in PA and the I-70 Welcome Centers in MD.

We provide an unedited list of all the architects and builders with whom we have worked, along with their phone numbers. We subject our performance on each and every project to independent third party evaluation through Guild Quality. We also believe it is very important that perspective clients inspect some of our projects firsthand. It's all in the details, and the closer you look the better we look.

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Product Literature

View planbooks for FREE by registering at Lindal.com
Printed books:
Living Dreams, classic plans, 272 pgs $20
Turkel Design, Dwell Homes, 81 pgs $20
Lindal Architects Collaborative, 154 pgs $20
Lindal Elements, 65 pgs $20

Company Information

With Lindal you can choose just how much you want to be involved in the design of your home. If you love one of the designs you see in our planbooks it's yours. If you'd like to personalize your favorite plan, it's easy - from non-structural changes in siding and windows to adding or expanding rooms and changing rooflines. If you want a one-of-a-kind Lindal classic you can work with one of our design professionals. Perhaps you prefer a modern Lindal home designed with Turkel Design, or you may want one of our groundbreaking designs from the Lindal Architects Collaborative, we are ready to assist.

Lindal's time-tested building system combines post-and-beam construction with our patented module design which allows for superior design flexibility, wide open spaces and walls of windows. Lindal uses nothing but top-grade, kiln-dried framing members throughout the home. Premium grade exterior siding is available in one of five major styles including cedar tongue-and-groove, clapboard, round log, solid cedar Stratus timbers, and can include fiber cement siding for customers concerned with maintenance or building code requirements. Lindal's remarkable building materials are also available in green building specifications and backed by a lifetime structural warranty.

Lindal Cedar Homes has been manufacturing homes since 1945 and selling them through an international network of independent dealers.

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Log Home Outfitters

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Product Literature

Brochure and Information Packet. . . . . .Free
Log Home Outfitters – Multi-Media DVD . . . $10

Company Information

Log Home Outfitters was founded on the belief that high quality log and timber frame homes can be delivered to our clients at a reasonable cost without giving up on quality and service. We realized there is a need in our industry to supply clients with the means to realize their dreams. We provide our clients with the tools to create their dreams that would be only limited by their imagination.

Log Home Outfitters offers our customers many different products to choose from. From the corporate sales office to our many Dealer locations throughout the United States, Canada, and the Dominican Republic; we are here to assist you in achieving your dream in the lifestyle you have chosen to make.

Log Home Outfitters offers solid logs with 12 different log profile choices. All of our solid log wall systems incorporate our "Constant Compression Log Wall Fastening System" which controls the settling that occurs with solid log walls. If solid logs are not what you are looking for, we offer log sided construction with 5 optional profile choices. Our log sided profiles and corner options are the most realistic in the log home industry. Last but not least, Log Home Outfitters offers timber frames. Let our dealers assist you with understanding the ins and outs of timber framing. With these three styles of building systems; Log Home Outfitters can make your lifestyle dreams come true.

With many floor plans to choose from at Log Home Outfitters, over 90% of the log homes delivered are custom designs. We offer custom floor plan design services to our client which usually starts with making an appointment with one of our authorized Dealers. So please checkout our website to visit a Dealer's model in your area.

Realize Your Dreams with Peace of Mind.

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Mid-Atlantic Timberframes

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Market Areas

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Product Literature

Brochure. . . . . .Free

Company Information

Timber frame … for many reasons.

Mid-Atlantic Timberframes homes feature the perfect mix of nature and engineering, craftsmanship and technology, authenticity and efficiency. Whether you're building a mountain retreat, a waterfront home that complements the natural surroundings, or you simply need more storage space and want something more than a typical barn or garage, a timber frame design could be the answer. Mid-Atlantic Timberframes works with homeowners, architects and homebuilders to deliver homes and structures that are vibrant, warm and full of character.

Located in the heart of Lancaster County, our team includes third generation woodworkers who've been building timber frame structures for most of their adult lives. Craftsmanship, attention to detail, and a job done right aren't just how we were trained, it's who we are.

Quality every step of the way.

From computer-aided design and the latest timber machining technology to the centuries-old tradition of hand-finishing the posts and beams and using mortise-and-tenon joinery with wooden pegs, Mid-Atlantic Timberframes is all about quality.

Our timbers come from well-managed forests. We follow responsible practices to remain among the most environmentally-friendly builders. We also use passive design techniques to take advantage of natural climate to maintain thermal comfort. The insulating panels we place around the timber frame structure provide far greater energy efficiency than conventional framed walls.

We custom design, craft and build timber frame:
- *Homes & Additions*
- *Carriage Houses, Bank Barns & Car Barns*
- *Porches, Pergolas & Gazebos*
- *Horse Barns, Riding Arenas & Pavilions*
- *Commercial & Municipal Buildings*

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Market Areas

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Product Literature

Product Literature Available

Company Information

Mill Creek has been designing and crafting timber framed structures for a varied clientele for more than 20 years.

Designing a timber framed home or structure is the first and most important step in establishing the value and aesthetic character of your investment. Mill Creek's design group has developed a library of standard designs that reflect an artistic attention to detail. These standard plans are included in our design portfolio. We will modify or assist in the design and development of a custom design for your project. Beauty, balance, flow and structural integrity are the hallmarks of all Mill Creek designs. With many years of experience, we have the ability to detail and develop each project according to the architectural style and criteria that you may establish.

Mill Creek timber frames are planed, pre-cut and labeled by our experienced craftsmen using wood joinery, secured with oak pegs in the Old-World tradition.

Our projects are residential, equestrian facilities, light commercial buildings and special structures for varied uses.

Call us to learn more about Mill Creek or to schedule a visit to our timber framed design studio and office. Visit us online at www.millcreekinfo.com.

Dealer inquiries welcome.

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Company Information

25 years ago we started a small timber frame company. Today we design and craft custom frames using reclaimed timbers and environmentally responsible practices. We general contract a select few projects in Oregon and New York, and we work closely with builders across the nation committed to quality, custom work.

You're invited to incorporate as much or as little of our services as you see fit into your project:

- **Architectural Design:** custom design through construction drawings
- **Timber Framing:** design, engineering, manufacturing, build
- **Enclosure Systems:** structural insulated panels, custom panels, cellulose insulation
- **Fine Woodworking:** custom doors, stairs, cabinetry and more
- **Recycled & Sustainable Wood Products:** the largest source in the USA

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Product Literature

Call us for a welcome package

Company Information

There was a time when homes were built to last for generations. Constructed of massive oak and Douglas fir timbers, secured with pegged mortise-and-tenon joinery, distinctive architectural space was created, with large, light-filled rooms with vaulted ceilings and intimate lofts. Oakbridge Timber Framing continues this tradition of spaciousness, durability and craftsmanship with the modern improvements of insulated wall and ceiling panels.

Oakbridge Timber Framing began 29 years ago out of our experience as Amish youth raising buildings as our people have done for generations. Hard work, a penchant for detail and a commitment to the craft of timber framing has stood us well in the hundreds of frames planned and erected. Our primary tools are still hand tools, enabling exactness of cuts and precision in joinery.

Oakbridge frames are produced using northern-grown solid oak or western Douglas fir timbers of the highest quality, cut, milled and prepared to exact specifications. Detail options include curved braces, chamfered edges and hand sanding. We also supply and install panels, and tongue-and-groove materials.

It is never too early to begin planning your home with Oakbridge so that every detail may be considered. Whether you like one of the plans found on our website, have your own design, or would like to use our own licensed architect, the same exacting, time-honored process is taken to construct a frame of the highest quality and craftsmanship. At Oakbridge we do our best to plan your home as if it were our own.

We invite you to visit our timber frame office and woodshop where three generations are working side by side and experience the quality and craftsmanship that go into every timber frame we craft.

Call us about a complete dry-in.

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Pan Abode Cedar Homes

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Market Areas

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Product Literature

Custom Home Guide with DVD, 180 pages . . $15

Company Information

Since 1952, Pan Abode Cedar Homes has manufactured thousands of high-quality buildings of distinction featuring western red cedar. Recognized worldwide for superior craftsmanship, ease of construction, and the highest quality materials. Our custom-designed homes provide expansive living spaces featuring cathedral ceilings, exposed beams and walls of glass.

Pan Abode Cedar Homes offers professional home design and free material estimating as a service to our customers. Pan Abode Cedar Homes also has available to order a Custom Home Guide which includes an Idea Book, Photo Album and DVD. The Idea Book includes literature about the company, information on how to design your new home, sample material specifications, 70+ standard plans and a price guide. The Photo Album depicts building interiors and exteriors built throughout the world. The DVD is their narrated explanation of the company's process and what we do best, design and produce exceptional building systems for the money.

Pan Abode Cedar Homes offers three major building systems to choose from. Each has its own variations for cost, energy and aesthetic feel. We offer two solid timber walls systems. The Phoenix System, a corner-post system utilizing solid laminated western red cedar wall timbers available as D-log or flat profile. The Classic Timber building system joins wall timbers with an interlocking cross-joint, and the Post & Beam building system utilizes state-of-the-art framing techniques along with industry engineered wood systemology for design flexibility.

We are confident that you will find that Pan Abode Cedar Homes offers the best value in the custom and systemized home market. We welcome the opportunity to earn your business. Dealerships are available and Pan Abode Cedar Homes are seeking to add new income-oriented entrepreneurs to our worldwide-recognized association of independent dealers. Be sure to visit our well developed website to answer questions about this extraordinary customer service focused company.

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PrecisionCraft Log & Timber Homes

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Product Literature

At a Glance Book . . . . . .Free

Company Information

PrecisionCraft is the industry leader in the design and production of mountain style timber frame homes. Mixing architectural elements such as stone, glass, shake, metal and timbers, PrecisionCraft homes have a distinct look and feel.

Utilizing our Total Home Solution® we guide clients from initial design through final construction offering customizable services to fit your unique needs. We contemplate your entire building project, not just the timber frame materials. This approach gives you a more holistic understanding of what it will cost to build your home.

Visit our website to learn more about our services, explore past projects, and browse floor plan concepts.

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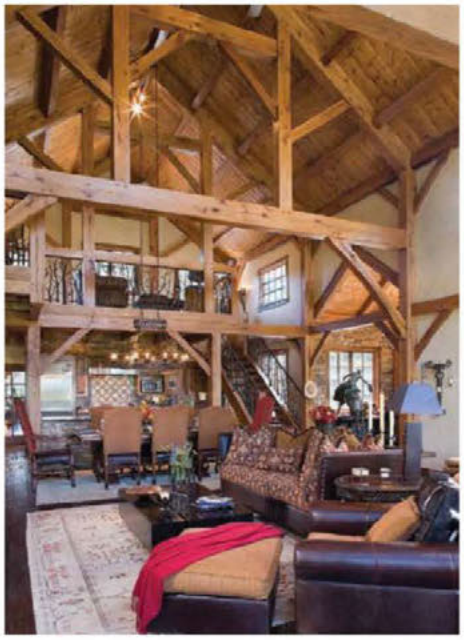

Product Literature

Color Brochure, 6 pages . . . . . .Free

Company Information

Red Suspenders Timber Frames has been designing and crafting award-winning timber frame homes since 1983. Our experienced team of professionals is dedicated to taking your ideas and dreams, incorporating them into a cohesive design and bringing them to life in a finely crafted timber frame home.

At Red Suspenders, we provide design services and operate our own saw mill, dry kilns, planing mill and carpentry shop to assure a quality product from start to finish. Our team of professionals is, without question, one of the most experienced groups in the country. Most of the designs we execute are produced in-house in collaboration with the owners, but we also provide consulting services regarding timber frame construction to other design professionals and contractors.

Because wood is at the heart of a timber frame home, we go to great lengths to assure that the materials we select are the finest available. Often, we literally go out into the woods to select the trees that will ultimately become your home. We regularly use southern yellow pine, Douglas fir and red oak, and have access to just about any other type of wood you desire.

By combining our timber frames with contemporary advances in insulation and energy-efficient design, we provide homes that are not only beautiful, but among the most energy-efficient and maintenance-free available.

For more information, please contact us at 936-564-9465 or visit our website at redsuspenderstf.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Product Literature

Legacy Living Book . . . . . .Free

Company Information

For over 35 years Riverbend has been crafting beautiful timber frame homes that use traditional mortise and tenon joinery connected with oak pegs.

While the look of our homes is timeless, our integrated timber frame and SIP (Structural Insulated Panels) building system provides the perfect solution for creating today's most energy-efficient timber frame homes. Since we incorporate SIPs from our sister company, the same team will design and produce the entire envelope of your Riverbend home. This relationship ensures consistent quality through your entire project.

While our building system provides the main structure of your home, our services encompass your entire building project. From custom design to professional installation and customized construction solutions, Riverbend does more than provide you with materials. We also contemplate the entire cost to build your home, so that you can set realistic budget parameters.

We invite you to visit our website, order our free literature and connect with us via social media to learn more about how Riverbend can help you attain the timber frame home of your dreams.

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Sand Creek Post & Beam

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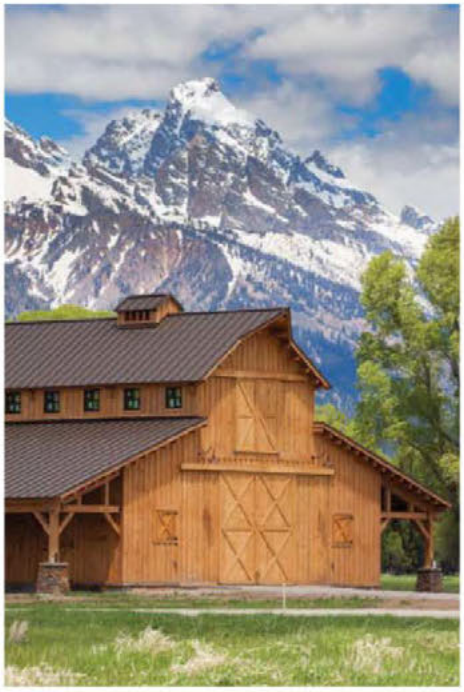

Product Literature

Full color catalog . . . . . .Free

Company Information

Sand Creek Post & Beam is the leading manufacturer of custom designed wood barns and rustic barn homes nationwide. Our barns and barn homes are based on traditional barn styles which were all built and perfected by our forefathers. It is our desire to honor this rich American heritage by building barns that are authentic both in design and materials used. Keeping this tradition alive and sharing our passion for traditional wood barns is the cornerstone of our company.

Our barns feature post and beam construction with the strength and rustic beauty of full dimension rough-cut timbers. Delivered as a kit, our naturally "green" barns and barn homes will serve as a legacy for generations to come. We invite you to learn more about Sand Creek Post & Beam and how we can help make your dream barn or barn home a reality.

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Company Information

At Swan Timber Frames we still get excited about each creative challenge presented to us. Through three generations, our Scandinavian craftsmanship has never been sacrificed. Although, the tools, equipment and technology have made huge improvements.

We operate our own mill, with a length capacity of 36 feet. We stock over eight acres of dried timbers. We have our own semi's, cranes, arial work platforms, excavators and crews to help make your dream a reality.

Other companies may try to have you pay for travel expenses, delivery and even rental on essential equipment. At Swan Timber Frames it is included in the price. All we require is the deposit for timbers before joinery begins. You don't pay us until your frame is completely erected and you are 100% satisfied.

So whether you need us to design a home or commercial structure, arrive and prepare the site, excavate and install an insulated concrete foundation, as well as erect and enclose your timber frame, we can help. If you are a general contractor who just needs pricing on a great room frame, we would be happy to accurately propose a bid. We have collaborated with skillful builders and architects and have provided numerous frames to help accent a variety of conventionally built structures.

A franchise we're not
we still go by our name
with our hearts & our hands
we raise timber frames
if you have any questions
be it big
be it small
please pick up the phone
and give Kari Swan a call

Let our enthusiasm join with yours and we can build your dream together!

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Texas Timber Frames

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Jack Dickinson, CEO

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Product Literature

Color Brochure . . . . . .Free

Company Information

Texas Timber Frames has more than 25 years of experience in building some of the most beautiful timber frames in the country. We have expanded our efforts to sell elegant, affordable designs that stand alone in providing energy efficiency, beauty and strength. Our design team allows us to work personally with you to design the custom home, cabin or barn of your dreams. We are proud to offer unparalleled customer service throughout the design and build process. Each project is essential to us and we will work with you to make sure your needs and wants drive the project at every point along the way. We utilize state-of-the-art CAD software and a wood milling machine to produce a superior product, but we never forget that it is all about your total satisfaction. We can provide full design and build services within Texas and throughout the Midwest. Nationally we can provide design services and building of the shell (the timber frame and SIPs). We look forward to working with you to make your dream project a reality!

Please visit our website at texastimberframes.com or call us 877-680-1680.

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Company Information

For more than 30 years, Timberbuilt has been designing and building stunning, earth-friendly timber frame homes and commercial buildings. Our great look and dedication to sustainable construction has made us a popular choice with clients from Montana to Maine as well as throughout Canada.

Timberbuilts are designed and constructed with respect for the environment and a high level of energy-efficiency. We partner with Insulspan in providing top-quality, structural insulated roof and wall panels (SIP). These panels are pre-cut on a c&c machine for exact precision, providing a most efficient, onsite construction process. They also carry a 20-year warranty, ensuring long-term construction value as well as energy savings.

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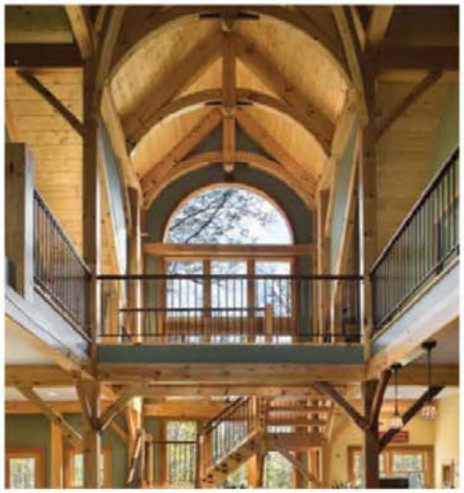

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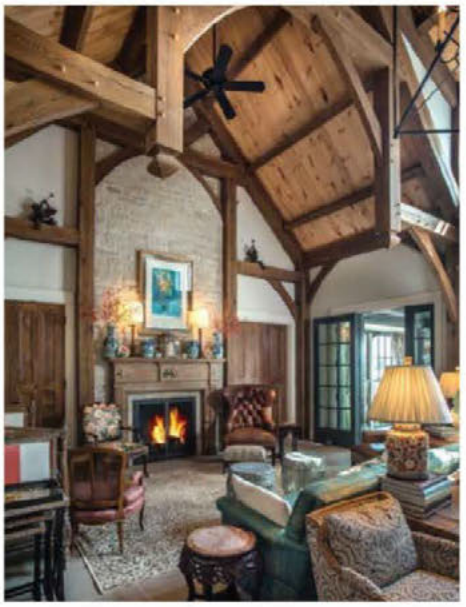

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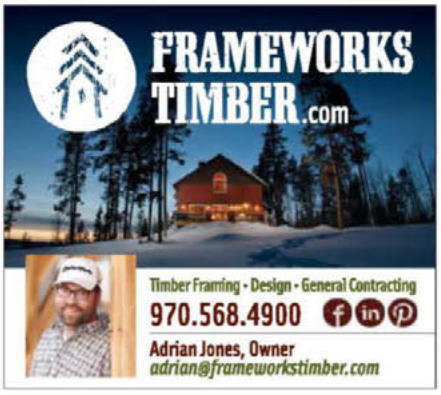

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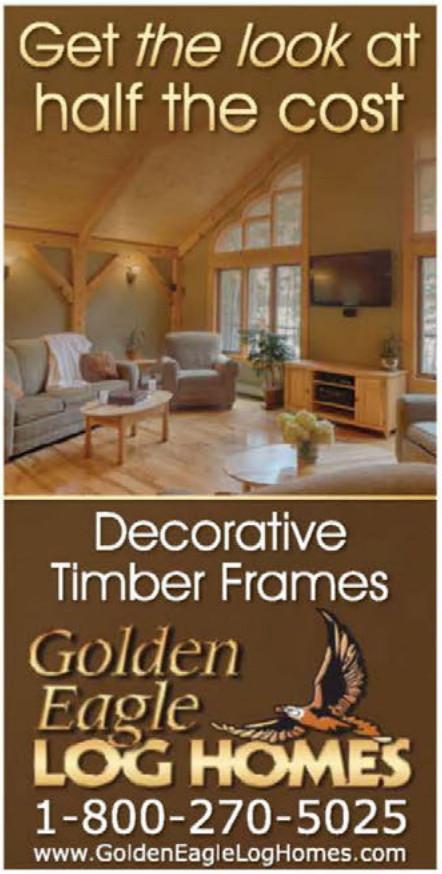

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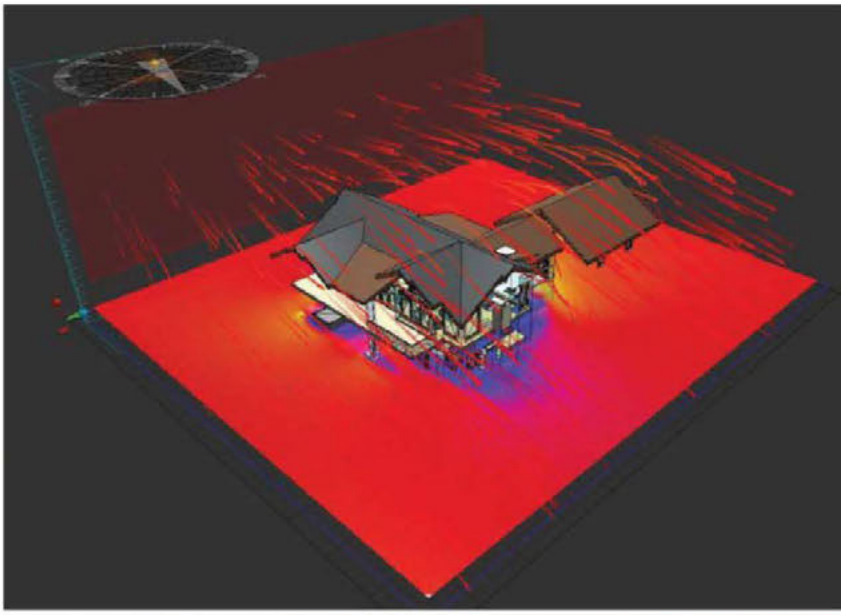

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